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At ₹7.45 lakh crore, direct tax receipts cross half the target

Gross collections reach ₹8.98 lakh crore; tax refunds jump 81% over the preceding year to touch ₹1.53 lakh crore; Finance Ministry says revenues have been registering a steady growth

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's net direct tax collections till October 8 in the financial year 2022-23 have risen to ₹7.45 lakh crore, more than half of the Budget targets, the Union Finance Ministry said on Sunday. It is an increase of 16.3% over the tax inflows during the corresponding period a year ago.

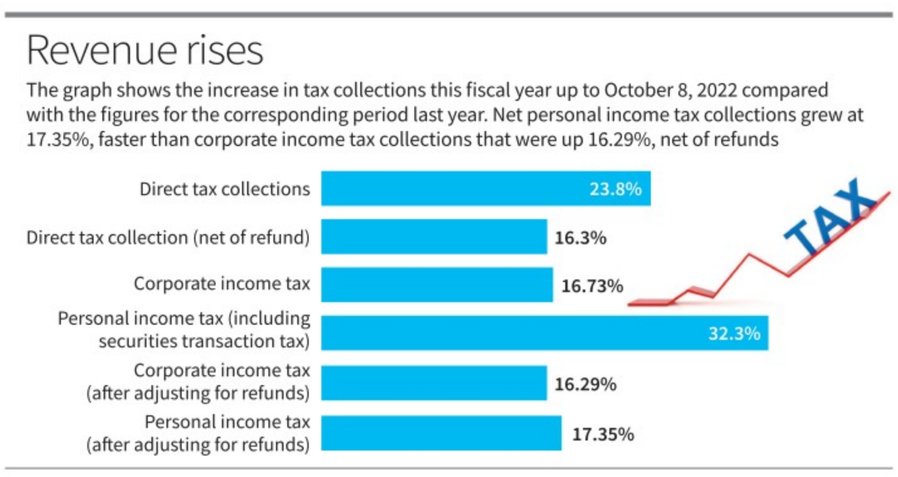
Based on provisional data, net personal income tax collections grew 17.35%, rising faster than corporate income tax collections that were up 16.29% net of refunds. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collections combined with personal income tax receipts, grew at a more moderate 16.25%.

Underlining that direct tax collections continue to register a steady growth, the Ministry said tax refunds had jumped 81% over the preceding year to touch ₹1.53 lakh crore.

Gross collections

Gross direct tax collections reached ₹8.98 lakh crore by Saturday, 23.8% more than in the corresponding period of 2021-22. After adjusting for refunds, net direct tax revenues now constitute 52.46% of the total Budget Estimates. Net direct tax collections had crossed ₹7 lakh crore by September 17 and were 23.3% higher at the time, so there appears to have been a moderation in tax inflows in the intervening three weeks.

Gross revenues from direct taxes were at ₹8,36,225 crore on September 17, reflecting a 30.2% growth.


Revenue rises
The graph shows the increase in tax collections this fiscal year up to October 8, 2022 compared with the figures for the corresponding period last year. Net personal income tax collections grew at 17.35%, faster than corporate income tax collections that were up 16.29%, net of refunds
Direct tax collections
23.8%
Direct tax collection (net of refund)
16.3%
Corporate income tax
16.73%
Personal income tax (including securities transaction tax)
32.3%
Corporate income tax (after adjusting for refunds)
16.29%
Personal income tax (after adjusting for refunds)
17.35%
TAX

AAP Minister in Delhi quits over attending conversion ceremony

Jaideep Deo Bhanj
NEW DELHI

Delhi Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam, who found himself in the middle of a storm after attending an event in which hundreds allegedly converted to Buddhism here, resigned from his post on Sunday.

The event was held at the Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan on October 5, on the occasion of Ashoka Vijayadashami. The festival commemorates Emperor Ashoka's conversion to Buddhism. The BJP had circulated a video purportedly showing the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and others taking a pledge and reciting that they "won't consider Ram and Krishna as gods and won't do their puja". The BJP had demanded that AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal sack him.

Rajendra Pal Gautam

Sharing his resignation on Twitter, Mr. Gautam said the BJP had been targeting his party and Mr. Kejriwal over his participation in the event.

"I will continue to work for the party to strengthen India and will follow the teachings of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Gautam Buddha all my life," Mr. Gautam said in his resignation letter.

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'Fatalities among UN Peacekeeping Forces rising'

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The number of fatalities among the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces (UNPKF) in direct attacks is growing, said UN Undersecretary General Jean-Pierre Lacroix in an interview to *The Hindu*, when he visited Delhi last week to discuss the need for more "robust" mandates and better equipment, training and technology with Indian officials.

Mr. Lacroix's visit to the region came amid a number of attacks by anti-UN groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where two Indian soldiers were among those killed in the last few weeks.

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Suburban rail: Preliminary work begins

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After a long wait, K-RIDE has commenced preliminary groundwork for the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project.

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HAL-KIA copter service from today

BENGALURU
Helicopter services between HAL airport and Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) will commence on Monday.

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Sri Lankan youth swims 13 km to Dhanushkodi

Hassan Khan

L. Srikrishna
RAMESWARAM

A 24-year-old man, a Sri Lankan Tamil, swam about seven nautical miles (13 km) in the Palk Strait and reached Dhanushkodi on Sunday. Hassan Khan, aka Ajay, aka Khan of Mannar district jumped into the sea after the Sri Lankan Navy fired at a boat ferrying him and a family of five illegally to Tamil Nadu. Following information from the fishermen, the marine police picked him up for interrogation. Senior officers of the Central agencies were questioning him.

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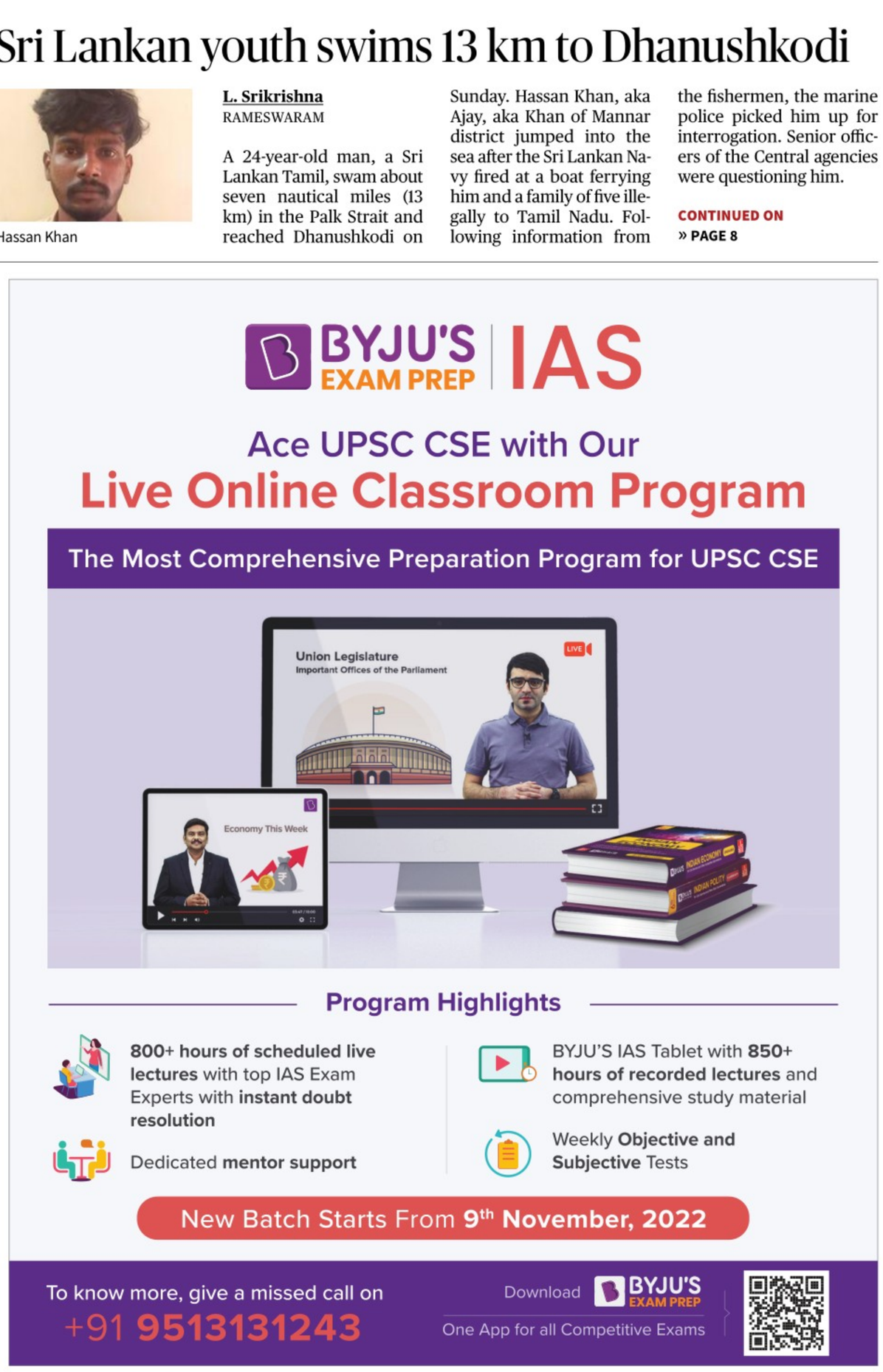
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Novak Djokovic wins the Astana Open; his fourth title of the year

90 The number of ATP tour titles won by Novak Djokovic. Djokovic needed only 75 minutes to overcome third-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 6-4 in the final. The Serb did not face a break point in the match. It was the Wimbledon champion's fourth title of the year, including Rome and Tel Aviv. Swiss legend Roger Federer leads the list with 103 titles. AP

Austrian President wins elections over populist challengers

55.4 In %, the votes secured by President Alexander Van der Bellen on Sunday with 63% of ballots counted. The 78-year-old former Green Party leader was handed a second term by Austrians, ejecting populist challengers in the nation's first election since the coronavirus lockdowns and the war in Ukraine which upended its economy. Agencies

Ukraine recaptures territory in southern Kherson region

1,170 In sq km, the land Ukraine has recaptured in the southern Kherson region since launching the start of its counter-assault against Russia in late August. While Ukraine achieved lightning success with its offensive in the northeast, its drive in the south to wipe out the Russian foothold has been a long, laboured affair. Reuters

Russian strikes kill civilians in Ukraine following bridge attack

17 The number of people killed after a Russian barrage pounded apartment buildings and other targets in Zaporizhzhia in Ukraine. The city remains under Ukrainian control but sits in a region Moscow has claimed as its own. The multiple strikes came after an explosion on Saturday which caused the partial collapse of a bridge linking the Crimean Peninsula with Russia. PTI

Japan's Nomura moderates FY24 GDP growth for India

5.2 In %, India's growth rate projected for FY24 as compared to FY23 by Japanese brokerage Nomura. The brokerage said Indian policymakers were "misplaced" about their optimism on the country's growth prospects. It expects inflation to average at 6.8% in FY23, a tad above the RBI's 6.7% estimate, and the current account deficit to widen. PTI

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The action plan against Delhi's air pollution

How does the Graded Response Action Plan work? What are the four stages planned under it and in what circumstances will they be implemented? How are the planned measures different this year?

EXPLAINER

Sumeda

For clearer skies: A tanker spraying water to relieve air pollution in Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The story so far:

A revised action plan to fight the serious challenge of air pollution in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) has come into force after a sudden dip in air quality in the capital and its neighbouring areas. On October 6, the first stage of the revised Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was implemented.

How did GRAP come into being?

To deal with the multi-faceted risks linked to air pollution, the Central Pollution Control Board submitted a list of measures to address different levels of air pollution to the Supreme Court in January 2016. These measures coalesced into GRAP – a set of anti-air pollution measures which are to be followed in Delhi and its vicinity according to the severity of the situation. The GRAP was approved by the SC after modifications and notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on January 12, 2017.

With multiple State and central bodies working on the problem, a need was felt to consolidate resources to efficiently tackle the problem of toxic air. The Centre thus set up the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas. This powerful body, which coordinates with other States to plan and execute strategies to prevent and control air pollution in the NCR, has been enforcing GRAP since 2021.

Have anti-pollution policies changed?

Under the revised action plan, restrictions on polluting activities will be dependent on Air Quality Index (AQI) rather than PM2.5 and PM10 concentration. As per experts, the "finer" version of GRAP could prevent the air quality crisis in Delhi-NCR after Diwali. "Stubble burning peaks in November and Diwali is on October 24. This is a crucial factor. So, it may not lead to a severe situation on Diwali provided all other measures are followed strictly...The government has provided more machines for the management of stubble this year. We hope for better results," Dr. Mahesh Narang, the head of the farm engineering department at Punjab Agricultural University told *PTI*.

How will the action plan function?

The GRAP for Delhi-NCR is divided into four stages of air quality – Stage one for "poor" AQI ranging between 201 and 300, Stage two for "very poor" AQI of 301-400, Stage three for "severe" AQI of 401-450 and Stage four for "severe plus" AQI more than 450.

In stage one, a ban on construction and demolition activities at specific sites will be implemented. Also, agencies should ensure that all solid waste is lifted from dedicated dump sites, and none is dumped on open land. Heavy fines are to be imposed for openly burning municipal solid waste and biomass. Roads will be mechanically cleaned and water sprinkled from time to time. The ban on firecrackers should be followed as per the directions of respective courts. In stage two, mechanised sweeping of roads will be done daily, while water will be sprinkled using dust suppressants at least on alternate days. Authorities would need to ensure an uninterrupted power supply to discourage the use of generators.

At stage three, the frequency of cleaning roads intensifies. Water would be sprinkled daily before peak traffic hours. Authorities will levy different rates on public transport services to encourage off-peak travel. A strict ban will be enforced on all construction activities, except ongoing construction of railway, metro, airport and hospital projects. The State government will be empowered to impose restrictions on BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel light motor vehicles (LMVs).

During stage four, when the air quality rises to dangerous levels, entry of all trucks, except those carrying essential commodities, will be restricted. Four-wheeler diesel LMVs would also be banned except those used for essential or emergency services. All construction and demolition activities would have to be stopped. The respective governments could, meanwhile, take a call on allowing public, municipal and private offices to work on 50% strength. Additional emergency measures like closing schools, non-emergency commercial activities and plying of vehicles on an odd-even basis may also be enforced.

Do citizens have a role?

Along with instructions for authorities, the GRAP also includes a graded advisory for the public. The measures include properly tuning engines of their vehicles, ensuring accurate air pressure in tyres and updating PUC (pollution under control) certificates.

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The programming languages running the crypto- economy

Smart contracts, which let you execute automated actions on blockchains, are the backbone of the crypto-industry. To create them effectively, programming languages are a must

CACHE

Sahana Venugopal

The crypto ecosystem sits on top of distributed ledgers, which are broadly called blockchains. Apart from recording and verifying transactions, some crypto blockchains like Ethereum let users launch agreements or special actions that execute on their own. These are known as smart contracts and to create them effectively, programming languages are a must.

The importance of programming

Crypto exchanges, decentralised apps, the automated buying or selling of orders, and even NFT-based games often rely on smart contracts to run smoothly. A smart contract failure can cause platform outages, and exploitation of the codes could devalue the entire ecosystem. Programming languages thus, help crypto platforms and protocols run effectively.

C++ is a programming language commonly associated with Bitcoin. While the Bitcoin whitepaper explaining the peer-to-peer electronic cash system is written largely in English, the Bitcoin Core software, which makes transactions possible, uses C++. It is maintained by a community anyone can join by running Bitcoin Core full nodes. It is hailed for being an accessible programming language that users of Java, C, and C# can easily learn due to existing similarities. It is also one of the most used programming languages, playing a role in the development of operating systems like MacOS and Windows, gaming devices, search engines, and even machine learning. C++ is a major influence for many other programming languages in use today. However, some see C++ as an outdated programme. Mark Russinovich, Microsoft Azure's CTO, recently asked developers to stop using C and C++.

Solidity, Rusk and Haskell

Solidity is the programming language mainly used on the blockchain platform Ethereum. Some of its developers are Ethereum co-founders. The language is influenced by C++, Python, and JavaScript. It is also known as a 'curly bracket language' as it uses the flower bracket special character. In recent times, with the Ethereum transition to a proof-of-stake model, programming skill in Solidity is expected to be in high demand. Parts of the Ethereum ecosystem also support several other programming languages such as Python, Ruby, Rust, Java, and more.

Rust has the unique distinction of being called the "perfect programming language" in 2021 by Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey. Come 2022, Mr. Dorsey noted that Rust was a "close second" to C. In the crypto world, Rust is commonly associated with the Solana blockchain, which is known for its high speeds and relatively low transaction fees. The Polkadot blockchain, which helps to better connect blockchains with each other, also uses Rust. However, developers have complained that Rust is too difficult to learn. A 2018 survey showed that more than 22% of users did not feel productive using the programming language.

Some of the most valuable blockchain projects in the crypto industry don't necessarily rely on the most popular programming languages. Cardano, for example, is a blockchain that takes pride in its academic rigour and scholarly approach to the crypto sector. Its smart contract programming language is based on Haskell. The Cardano Foundation itself admits that Haskell is not well-known, and that it is not a popular programming language for beginners. Haskell is classified as a purely functional programming language, and is hard to learn. But it is said to be well-suited to deliver accurate crypto projects due to its immutability feature.

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

Iron-laden truck catches fire on NICE Road

A truck was destroyed in a fire that started in one of its wheels on NICE Road in Bengaluru on Sunday. The incident ocurred around 4.45 p.m. when the truck, bearing a Gujarat-registration number transporting iron scrap material was heading to Dhulia in Maharastra from Thrissur in Kerala. The Jnanabharathi Fire Station personnel rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control. According to the police, initially, the fire was spotted on one of the tyres and soon spread to the entire truck before the driver, Noor Saleem, stopped the vehicle and jumped out to safety. The police cordoned off the area and managed the traffic. No one was injured in the mishap.

Bescom engineer killed in road accident

A Bescom officer was killed when a speeding goods vehicle ran over her after knocking down her scooter at Nagarabhavi Ring Road underpass on Sunday morning. The deceased, Manjula M.R., 41, was an executive engineer, at Rajajinagar sub division.

According to the police, the canter driver Zabir Ahmed was driving rashly. Manjula died on the spot. Zabir tried to flee but enraged motorists caught and thrashed him badly. He was later taken to Victoria Hospital for treatment.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 10, Monday), the following explainer is available:

- The programming languages running the crypto-economy **bit.ly/cryptolanguages**

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Leakage in water pipe creates sinkhole on Kundalahalli Road

BBMP and BWSSB, along with the traffic police, managed to fill the hole later in the day. Officials say sinkholes usually appear after rain, or leakage in water or sewage below the road

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The spot where the road caved in on Kundalahalli Road in Bengaluru on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A portion of the busy Kundalahalli Road in East Bengaluru caved in on Sunday resulting in a sinkhole a few feet wide, causing traffic to pile up, until it was closed by the civic agencies later in the day.

Officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said that the road caved in after a water pipe leakage which led to the seepage.

"There were no other issues. We have immediately filled the hole so that there will be no traffic snarls on the stretch," officials said, adding that no untoward incidents were reported owing to the sinkhole.

Soil loosened

BBMP officials said that sinkholes usually appear after rain or leakage in water or sewage below the road. Water leakage from a BWSSB pipeline that had loosened the soil, caused the sinkhole on Sunday, officials said.

A senior BWSSB official said that a 450 mm Cauvery Water Main Pipeline had burst early in the morning on Sunday at Kundalahalli Gate Junction. "We have installed a new pipe since the old pipe had to be removed owing to the damage," the official said.

Bengaluru Traffic Police officials said that the incident happened just before the Kundalahalli underpass and nothing has been damaged on the underpass. An official from HAL Traffic Police Station said, "Our officer in-charge in that sector and our staff along with civic agencies fixed the problem with help of Hitachi and now vehicle movement is normal."

In June this year, after missing several deadlines, the underpass at Kundalahalli Junction was opened to traffic.

The grade separator is part of the signal-free corridor project proposed on the Old Airport Road.

Quick response welcomed

Residents appreciated the coordination and finishing of the restoration work within 24 hours by civic agencies.

Venkatesh K., a resident of Kundalahalli said, "The BBMP and BWSSB, along with the traffic police, finished the restoration work within a day. This is much needed coordination between various civic agencies. Kundalahalli Junction is known for its traffic snarls. The traffic had been hit during the work however since it was Sunday, there were not many issues faced by us."

Water supply hit

Meanwhile, Cauvery water supply was impacted by the restoration work in Munekolala, Thubrahalli, AECS Layout, BEML Layout, Kundalahalli and Kundalahalli Colony, according to BWSSB.

Previous incident

Last month, the road near Sankey Tank caved in resulting in a sinkhole a few feet wide due to heavy rain.

The hole was closed by BBMP the next day.

Bodies of two city mountaineers recovered from Uttarakhand peak

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The bodies of two mountaineers from Bengaluru were recovered from Mount Draupadi Ka Danda-II peak in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district on Sunday as members of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering got trapped after being hit by an avalanche recently.

Vikram M. and Rakshit K. were missing after the incident and the Army, ITBP, SDRF, and Air Force teams that were engaged in rescue operations recovered their bodies and identified them, according to Lokesh M.R., vice-president of Karnataka Mountaineering Association.

"The bodies were identified by their relatives who were present in Uttarakhand, and will reach Bengaluru soon," Mr. Lokesh told *The Hindu*.

Vikram was resident of Whitefield and Rakshit lived in Srinagar. "I know Rakshit personally. He was passionate about mountaineering and he was member of Karnataka Mountaineering Association," Mr. Lokesh added. The families of the two youths were not available for comment.

Mountaineering course

People who were caught in the avalanche were taking part in the Advanced Mountaineering Course organised by the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering at the Draupadi Ka Danda Mountain peak earlier this week. Starting on September 14, a total of 61 people, including trainees, instructors, and a nursing assistant, were participating in the exercise.

As per the training programme, the participants went for high-altitude training at Camp-1. As per the training schedule on October 4, the course moved to High Altitude Navigation and the height gained to Mount Draupadi ka Danda-II (5,670 m). While returning from the mountain peak, the participants were hit by an avalanche.

Rakshith K., one of the mountaineers from the city who died in the avalanche in Uttarakhand.

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Helicopter service between HAL and KIA from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The first sortie from KIA to HAL airport will commence at 9 a.m. and there will be a return sortie on the same route at 4.15 p.m.

Helicopter services between Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) airport and Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) will commence on Monday reducing the agonizing two-hour commute by road between the two airports to a mere 12-minute ride. Response for the helicopter ride service seems to be good as the company running the service has already received around 100 bookings for the first 15 days.

The first sortie from KIA to HAL airport will commence at 9 a.m. and there will be a return sortie on the same route at 4.15 p.m. BLADE India, which is operating the helicopter services, said that in total of eight passengers will be availing the services on the inaugural day. "On Monday, there would be two sorties – one from KIA to HAL and a return flight on the same route. We have got four passengers on each of these flights," said a BLADE official. The service is expected to cater to the corporate and IT professionals as many IT Parks and tech hubs are located in the vicinity of the HAL airport. BLADE will be operating these rides during the weekdays with air fares for this 12 minute ride priced at ₹3,250.

Air taxi services from KIA initially commenced in 2017, making it the first of its kind in the country to operate chopper rides between an airport and a city centre

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27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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Three held for stealing phones from BMTC passengers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Govindaraja Nagar poice on Sunday arrested a gang of three who were stealing mobile phones and valuables from the passengers of BMTC buses. The accused have been identified as Rizwan Khan, 33, Naseer, 44, and Imran Khan, 35. They used to board the crowded buses during peak hours and steal valuables from passengers.

While two of them would board the bus, the third would follow by autorickshaw or on motorcycle. The two in the bus would get down and escape in the vehicle of their associate.

Based on a complaint from Govindu Devendra Reddy who lost his phone worth ₹25,000, the police tracked down the accused through the IMEI tracker.

The police have taken the accused into custody for further investigation.

Farmer electrocuted

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A farmer died of electrocution in the outskirts of Doddaballapura on Sunday. He came in contact with a high tension wire while spraying weedicide at the ragi field he was working in, in Kodigehalli village.

The deceased Naveen Kumar, 28, a resident of Honnaghatta was working in the ragi field and climbed up the tractor to spray the weedicide. The backpack with a metal handle accidentally touched the 11 kV live wire that was dangling 10 ft. above the field. As a result, he was electrocuted and died on the spot.

Others working in the field rushed him to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared him 'brought dead'. The villagers said negligence by Bescom caused the death. "We have been complaining to the lineman to shift the line to the safety but in vain," a villager said demanding compensation to the victim. The Doddaballapura Rural Police registered a case of negligence against Bescom officials under 304 A (death due to negligence)

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I, G.PRABHA DEVI, change of service document spouse of JC–191261N Rank Sub, Sankaran Nair Vijaya Kumar, at No. 16, Sri Sabari Nivas, Leypakshi Layout, Near Banjara Layout, Horamavu, Kalkere, Bangalore 43 have changed my name from G.PRABHA DEVI to PRABHA DEVI.G, vide affidavit dated 07/10/2022, before Notary Seshagiri.B.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHWETHA Kadur Ramesh, W/O. Manjeshbabu Surendrababu, R/O. No.95, Sree Kanchana Nilaya, 2nd mn, Sonam Lyt, Dr Shivaramakaranth Nagar, Dodda, Blr–77, Kn, have changed name to Shwetha Manjesh Kadur Ramesh vide afdvt dtd 06/10/22

I, SAMANTHA Mary Ann Dcruz W/O. Brendan Gerard Stephens, R/O. Sai Satyam, Flat B005 Ground Floor, Survey NO 99, Divya Unnathi Layout Babusapalya Kalyan Nagar Post Horamavu Agara Blr–560043, have changed my name to Samantha Mary Ann Stephens vide affdvt dtd 29/09/2022

I FAKHRUDDIN Hamid R/O Huseni Manzil, Basavangudi Bangalore 560004 have changed name of my daughter Tasneem to Tasneem Fakhruddin Hamid vide affidavit no. IN–KA51567262193768U dated 8th Oct 2022

I, SALEEM Allah Bakash, S/o Allah Bakash, R/at No.14/C, Cooks Road A Street, Nehrupuram, Bangalore-560001, have changed my name from Saleem Allah Bakash to Mohammed Shaikh Saleem vide affidavit dated 06-10-2022 before Notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

I, SINKU Kumari, D/o Late Kapildev Singh, Spouse of Amit Kumar Singh, R/at H No.205, SLV Defence Gallary, Dwarakanagar, Bangalore-560063, have changed my name from Sinku Kumari to Sinku vide affidavit dated 28-09-2022 before Notary S.R. Sridhar Rao, Bengaluru.

I, ARIJIT dependent son of Chandan Guhathakurta, No.6, Mahesh Building Near Vadafone Tower, Kodagala Hatti, H M Halli, Bangalore North-562157, have changed my name from Arijit to Arijit Guha Thakurta vide affidavit dated 28-09-2022 swom before Notary H.Sridhar Rao, B'lore.

CHANGE OF NAME

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANARTHANAM Palanisamy, R/O. No.22, 1st flR,1st Mn Rd, Muneshwara Lyt, Devinagar, Rmv 2nd Stg Blr–94, has changed name of my son from Vyajayant Sanarthanam to Vyajayant vide affdvt dated 06/10/2022

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E.P.No.166/2021 in Orginal Suit No.454 / 2006

Tmt. R. Sarojini,
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Madurai - 625 007.
State of Tamilnadu
- Petitioner / Decree - Holder
Vs.
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W/o Lakshmanan. C.Chetty,
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Agyam Margo,
GOA - 403 601.
- 1st Respondent / Judgment - Debtor

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The petitioner / decree holder as above named has filed the execution proceeding in EP No.166/2021 in original suit in OS.No.454/2006 on the file I-Additional Subordinate Judge, Tiruchirappalli (State of Tamil Nadu) against you and two other respondents / J.Ds for execution of Sale Deed in respect of B-Schedule property described in the above EP at your cost as per the specific performance decree dated 29-1-2013 passed by the Hon'ble Principal Subordinate Judge. Tiruchirappalli, State of Tamilnadu and the order dated 1-2-2021 in SA(MD) No.344/2014 passed by the Hon'ble High Court Madurai and the above said EP now stands posted to 26-10-2022. Hence the notice to you to appear before court (The Hon'ble I- Additional subordinate Judge's Court of Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu State) on 26.10.2022 at about 10.30 am. You may appear and state your objections if any on that date of hearing. In default, the above EP will be decided on exparte as against you.

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Suit No.211/2019

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

In remembrance: Gauri's sister Kavitha Lankesh, Swami Agnivesh, actor Prakash Raj, Teesta Setalvad and other activists mark Gauri Lankesh's first death anniversary on September 5, 2018. MURALI KUMAR. K

All that Gauri Lankesh stood for: culturally rooted secularism and pro-people politics

It is unsurprising that she was killed by an ideology — one that stands in opposition to our Constitution, denies the values of our freedom struggle, fears our intellectual traditions and is threatened by the multiple strands of Hinduism.

Yogendra Yadav

The mother and sister of slain activist Gauri Lankesh recently joined Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra. He later remarked on Twitter that Lankesh and countless others like her "represent the true spirit of India". In this article dated September 8, 2017, Yogendra Yadav talks about her killing as an attempt to quell the ideas and vision she stood for.

What killed Gauri Lankesh? This is not the same question as "who killed Gauri Lankesh?" This is deeper and a more rewarding question. In any case, this is the only question we can meaningfully answer in the public domain.

A murder involves four categories of culpability: those who carry out assassination, those who conspire, those who encourage or benefit from it, and those who are involved in its acquiescence. We must leave the first two for the police to determine. Instead of rushing to conclusions about the assassins and conspirators, let us focus on the larger context that encouraged and acquiesced to, indeed celebrated, her murder.

This is particularly relevant in the case of Gauri. She was not just a person. She represented an idea. It is reasonable to assume that her assassination is an attempt to shut down that idea. It is also meant to convey a signal to everyone else to shut up, or else. Since these signals are in the public domain, we can and must decode these in order to understand the context that led to her assassination.

A word about the 'whodunnit'. So far, we know only a few relevant facts. Gauri Lankesh was a journalist, a fearless editor of an extraordinary paper called *Gauri Lankesh Patrike*. She had been carrying out a crusade against the Hindutva politics of the Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies through the paper she edited, and organisations like Komu Souharda Vedike. Last year she lost a defamation suit by a BJP leader; her appeal against it was pending. She had received several threats from Sangh Parivar affiliates. As far as we know, there was no personal enmity angle to this murder.

The killing of ideas

This information is good to draw a reasonable inference: she was killed because of her ideas and her determination to speak her mind. But this information is not adequate to reach a definite conclusion about the identity of the killers and the conspirators. It is only fair that the criminal investigation must not be carried out in TV studios. This is not to say that we must trust the police. Indeed, police investigations in similar cases, whether under the Congress or the BJP regime, have been perfunctory. Still we cannot pre-empt the investigation, even if we scrutinise it later.

While we do not have evidence of who planned her murder, we have lots of evidence concerning those who celebrated and justified her murder. Social media was abuzz with comments that mocked, abused and blamed a woman who had been killed a few hours ago. Most of them were well-established BJP trolls. Some of them were followed by none other than the Prime Minister. In this context, it was vital for the ruling party to dissociate itself from this campaign. But except Ravi Shankar Prasad, no senior BJP leader spoke unequivocally against such comments. The PM is yet to 'unfollow' any of these trolls. We also know the eerie pattern that was replicated in three murders prior to hers. The murder of rationalist Narendra Dabholkar in 2013, that of Govind Pansare, another campaigner against superstition, in 2015, and academic M.M. Kalburgi in 2015 followed identical patterns.

Gauri chose to write in Kannada and in a popular idiom. The Sangh Parivar fears this most, as this form of secularism cannot be brushed aside as deracinated, westernised intellectualism

In each of these cases, unidentified killers shot down intellectual crusaders inimical to the ideology of the Sangh Parivar. These were not murders to avenge any other act of violence. Nor were these attempts to eliminate a political rival. These were aimed at silencing an idea. Let us not forget that these three 'rationalists' were not promoting some idiosyncratic idea: cultivation of 'scientific temper' is very much our constitutional ideal. They were killed by an ideology inimical to our Constitution. Prima facie, Gauri's killing fits into this pattern.

From a rooted tradition

Her ideas were, of course, not the same as the other three. Everyone, supporter as well as detractor, has assumed that she was a 'leftist'. There has been some loose talk of her being Naxalite. This is not true. Gauri represented an illustrious intellectual tradition of Karnataka that does not fit into any of these categories. As the editor of *Gauri Lankesh Patrike*, she carried forward the legacy of her father P. Lankesh, the founder of Lankesh Patrike and one of the three iconic writers of the 'Navya' school of Kannada literature. Inspired by Ram Manohar Lohia, these writers from Shimoga – P. Lankesh, Poornachandra Tejaswi and U.R. Ananthamurthy – combined a strident anti-caste stance with the socialist brand of egalitarian politics and culturally rooted secularism. They mentored the next generation of Kannada intellectuals like Devanur Mahadeva, Siddalingaiah and D.R. Nagaraj whose writings have inspired 'progressive' activists in Karnataka.

This socialist tradition is 'left' in the sense of being pro-people and egalitarian, but very different from the communist 'left' in terms of its cultural orientation. This tradition is rooted in Kannada egalitarian thought that goes back to Basavanna. Although on some issues Gauri was closer to the orthodox left than her father, her secularism was a continuity of this tradition. Like her father, she chose to write in Kannada and in a popular idiom. This form of culturally rooted secularism is in line with the secularism of our freedom struggle. The Sangh Parivar fears this most, as this form of secularism cannot be brushed aside as deracinated, westernised intellectualism.

Her very name carried a challenge to what is now being presented as Hindutva. This is the time of the year to welcome the arrival of 'Gauri' – also known as Durga, Parvathi, Bhavani or Shakti – in many regions of the country. 'Lankesh' is, of course, Ravana, the ultimate devotee of Lord Shiva. Her name invokes the tradition of Ravana worship among Shaivites, a practice that upsets the project of homogenous Hindutva.

Gauri lived a life of ideas. It is unsurprising that she was killed by an ideology – one that stands in opposition to our Constitution, denies the values of our freedom struggle, fears our intellectual traditions and is threatened by the multiple strands of Hinduism. She was killed by the ruling ideology of our times.

Yogendra Yadav is President of Swaraj India

THE DAILY QUIZ

Victor Wembanyama, has been touted as the next big talent in the National Basketball Association, which he is expected to join as the first draft pick next year. Here's a quiz on tall basketball players

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
Two players are tied for the tallest (7 ft 7 inches) to have played in the NBA. One is a Romanian who played six seasons in the NBA, largely for the Washington Bullets (later Wizards). Name him.

QUESTION 2
The other player to hold the record for the tallest in the NBA, was originally from Sudan. He belongs to an ethnic group, which along with the Tutsi of Rwanda, considered to have the tallest people in Africa. Name the player and the tribe.

QUESTION 3
This 7 ft 6 inches tall basketball player is considered the most accomplished player in terms of overall performance for anyone above 7 ft 4 inches in the NBA. He played eight seasons, all for Houston Rockets in the NBA, besides representing Shanghai Sharks in the Chinese Basketball Association. Name him.

QUESTION 4
Although the players mentioned in question 1 and 2 were the tallest to play in the NBA, this 7 ft 8 inches tall Japanese player who was drafted by Golden State Warriors in 1981 but did not get a chance to play is the tallest to be drafted in the NBA. Name him.

QUESTION 5
This affable 7 ft 3 inches tall Serbian basketball player, who currently plies his trade for Houston Rockets, played the villain who fought John Wick in the film *John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum*. Name him.

Visual question
Name this 7ft 4 inches tall hoopster who played only for Utah Jazz and holds the single season record for "blocked shots per game" at 5.6.

Questions and Answers to the October 7 edition of the daily quiz: 1. In the film *Musafir*, this actor sings for the first and only time in his career. **Ans: Dilip Kumar, who crooned the duet 'Lagi Nahi Chute' along with Lata Mangeshkar**
2. The contribution of Hrishida to the Bimal Roy classics *Do Bigha Zameen*, *Madhumati*, *Devdas*, and Ramu Kariat's masterpiece *Chemmeen*. **Ans: He was the Editor**
3. Hrishida wrote a story based on this dear friend and dedicated the film to him. **Ans: Raj Kapoor and Anand**
4. In these evergreen flicks, we meet Pyaaremohan Allahabadi, Subir Kumar, Isabhai Suratwala, and "Lucky" Dashrathprasad Sharma. **Ans: *Chupke Chupke, Abhimaan, Anand* and *Gol Maal* respectively**
5. Amitabh Bachchan 'spoke' the credits for this film. **Ans: *Bawarchi***
6. The film that both Dharmendra and Hrishida considered one of their best. **Ans: *Anupama***
Visual: This Hrishida film marked the final film appearance of Guru Dutt. **Ans: *Sanjh Aur Savera***

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I read the paper alongside a dictionary

I saw the employees of the hangar use hangers to hang uniforms

S. Upendran

"Come on in! Did you go anywhere during the Navarathri break?"

"Oh, yes! I went to the Andaman Islands with a few of my friends. It was just great."

"Yes, Seetha told me all about it. She also told me about the little accident she had."

"Poor Seetha sprained her ankle quite badly. Did she tell you she was walking alongside of me on the beach when it happened?"

"Yes, she did. By the way, when you use the word 'alongside' to mean 'beside' or 'next to', you don't normally say 'alongside of'. It's always 'alongside'. For example, *Sneha's cute puppy is always alongside her when she goes for a jog*."

"So, when two things are right next to each other, I say, 'alongside' and not 'alongside of'."

"That's right! Here's another example. *Much of the property alongside the lake belongs to my uncle*."

"Your uncle must be very rich. How about this example? *The robbers panicked when a police car parked alongside their van*."

"That's a good example."

"Oh, by the way, I read the novel that you'd recommended last month. I quite enjoyed it. The ending was terrible, though."

"How could it have been different? What did you want the ending to be?"

"Why did the poor hero have to be killed? He needn't have been hung."

"You mean 'hanged', don't you?"

"Don't 'hanged' and 'hung' mean the same thing?"

"They do, but the way they're used is very different. 'Hanged' is mostly used when you're talking about taking someone's life using a rope. Objects, like painting, necklace, etc. are 'hung' and not 'hanged'."

"So, what you're saying is that people are 'hanged' and objects are 'hung'."

"I guess you could say that. *The prisoners were hanged at dawn this morning*."

"*When his business collapsed, Kiran hanged himself*."

"*When I saw Devika last evening, a diamond necklace hung around her neck*."

"Is there a difference in pronunciation between 'h..a..n..g..e..r' and 'h..a..n..g..a..r'?"

"In terms of pronunciation, there's no difference. But there's a big difference in meaning between the two words."

"I know what 'hanger' means. It's what we use to hang our clothes on. *Don't leave your pants on the bed. Hang it properly on a hanger*. What does 'h..a..n..g..a..r' mean?"

"A hangar is what you usually find in airports. It's a giant building, where you can park a plane, so that maintenance work can be carried out on it. The huge buildings where planes are manufactured are also called hangars."

"*The CEO parked his jet in a hangar and got into his new car*."

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Word of the day

Motley:
a collection containing a variety of things

Synonyms: potpourri, mixture, assortment, miscellaneous

Usage: *The room was soon filled with a motley ring of boys.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/motleypro

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Puneeth's swan song '*Gandhada Gudi*' to hit screens on Oct. 28

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Puneeth Rajkumar will be last seen on the big screen in a documentary titled '*Gandhada Gudi*' on Karnataka's forests, flora and fauna that will hit screens on October 28, to mark the first anniversary of his passing away. Puneeth Rajkumar passed away on October 29, 2021, after suffering a severe cardiac arrest. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has also announced that the State government will confer the late actor Karnataka Ratna award, the highest civilian award of the State, on November 1.

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar released the trailer of the documentary that went viral with over 2 million views on various social media handles. "Today is an emotional day for us as we are releasing the trailer of #GandhadaGudi, a project close to Appu's heart," she wrote on Twitter tagging Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, among several others. Mr. Modi, Mr. Bommai and others from the Indian film fraternity wished the film well.

Puneeth Rajkumar

"Appu lives in the hearts of millions around the world. He was brilliance personified, full of energy and blessed with unparalleled talent. #GandhadaGudi is a tribute to Mother Nature, Karnataka's natural beauty and environmental conservation. My best wishes for this endeavour," Mr. Modi tweeted.

When the actor died, three of his films were under production – his commercial potboiler *James*, *Lucky Man* in which he played a lengthy cameo, both of which released earlier this year, and the documentary *Gandhada Gudi*.

The trailer of the documentary, spearheaded by Amoghavarsha of Wild Karnataka fame and produced and presented by Puneeth Rajkumar, shows him and Amoghavarsha traverse through the verdant forests of the State and even underwater in the Arabian Sea. The film also includes a portion where Puneeth Rajkumar takes Amoghavarsha to the nondescript house in which his father thespian Dr. Rajkumar was born in Gajanur. Incidentally, the documentary is named after the iconic 1973 film *Gandhada Gudi* in which Dr. Rajkumar played the role of a forest officer fighting mafia exploiting the natural resources of the State's forests.

Preliminary work of suburban rail project begins near Hebbal station

Contractor of the Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara line initiated the process by barricading worksites

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

After a long wait, the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd. (K-RIDE) commenced preliminary groundwork for the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project. The agency, a joint venture of the Railway Ministry and the State government, had awarded a work order to Larsen & Toubro to build Mallige Line (Corridor-2) from Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara. Now, the contractor started preliminary works by barricading the worksites near Hebbal Railway Station.

Suburban railway project work under way at Hebbal station in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Sources in K-RIDE said that the contractor has been on the job mobilizing resources and carrying preliminary works for a week now. "Full-fledged work is likely to start within a week. In addition to Hebbal, the construction work will also start in other locations of the corridor. A majority of the land required for the project is already available with us, barring a few private properties for which the acquisition process is on. Meanwhile, appraisal teams of international financial agencies that were approached by K-RIDE seeking loans for the project are likely to visit Bengaluru in the coming days," said a source. The K-RIDE is raising a loan of 800 million euros for the suburban rail project.

In the first phase of the project, K-RIDE is building a Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara corridor, which has 9.72 km elevated and 18.55 km line at grade. The corridor will have 14 stations (a separate tender will be floated for construction of the stations). K-RIDE had set a 24-month deadline for the contractor to complete the works.

The suburban rail network for Bengaluru is a pending demand of several decades. On June 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the project and assured Bengalureans that it would become a reality in 40 months. After the PM laid the foundation, citizen groups and rail activists have been demanding that K-RIDE start the construction activities.

Rajkumar Dugar, founder and convenor of Citizens for Citizens said, "We are happy that finally groundwork will begin. We urge K-RIDE and the State Government to implement the project immediately to deliver on the promises made by the PM to Bengalureans. We have been demanding that the KSR Bengaluru to Devanahalli line linking Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) be implemented on a priority basis. The State government and K-RIDE should take all measures to build the line."

Rail activist Sanjeev Daymannavar said, "It is a good sign that K-RIDE has begun work on the ground. People have been demanding the suburban rail network for over two decades. For time bound implementation of the project, the State government should direct all the civic agencies to have better coordination to facilitate construction works. Meanwhile, tenders should be floated for the rest of the corridors." The suburban rail network has a length of 148 km and stations will come up at 57 points.

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Rowdy hacked to death in city

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An armed gang hacked a rowdy to death in Krishnaianapalya in Byappanahalli on Saturday. The deceased, Rahul Pallu, was released from Central Prison few days ago and intervened in a fight of autorickshaw drivers to take his friend's side.

Enraged by this, a few from the opposite side, identified as Arun and Satyavelu and others, attacked Rahul while he was alone later at night.

Passers-by tried to help the profusely bleeding Rahul but he succumbed on the spot. The Byappanahalli police have taken few persons in and effort to track down the accused.

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INBRIEF

CM to visit Kolhapur today for 'Sant Samavesha'

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will be taking part in the 'Sant Samavesha' being organised by Kanneri Siddagiri Mutt in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, on Monday. A communique from the Chief Minister's Office said Mr. Bommai would take the morning flight to Kolhapur and return to Bengaluru by evening.

Minister hails contribution of Malayali community

Minister for Higher Education C.N. Ashwath Narayan on Sunday hailed the Malayali community for contributing to the development of Karnataka, and said the cosmopolitan city of Bengaluru was also dependent on Malayalis. Speaking at the Onam celebrations, organised by Kerala Samajam in the city, the Minister said that even Malayalis had imbibed the local culture well and Karnataka had also welcomed several cultures with open arms.

Lumpy skin disease: Increase compensation, says HDK

The former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Sunday urged the State government to pay ₹50,000 as compensation for those farmers who are losing their cattle to lumpy skin disease. "Cattle are dying across the State to the virus and farmers are in distress. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of veterinarians to conduct the post-mortem," Mr. Kumaraswamy told presspersons here.

"Though the government has announced the compensation of ₹20,000, it still remains a statement and even ₹20,000 is not sufficient. The compensation should be increased to at least ₹50,000." The farmers have been impacted by the disease for some time now, and the government should have vaccinated the cattle by now, he added. "However, the State government is wasting time," he alleged.

BJP legal cell files complaint against Congress

Members of the BJP legal cell has filed a complaint against the Opposition Congress for allegedly editing a video of the Chief Minister's speech in such a way so as to give a different meaning to the speech and posting the edited video on the official social media pages of the Karnataka Congress allegedly with the malicious intention of spreading slander against the BJP.

The complaint comes days after the BJP filed a case over the Congress' 'PayCM' campaign in which the city police arrested five men, drawing ire of the Opposition.

The legal cell demanded immediate and appropriate legal action against the social media heads of the Karnataka Congress and the admins of the said pages for editing the Chief Minister's speech and maliciously posting it on social media.

Yogendra Hodaghatta, State convener of the BJP legal cell, and M. Yashwanth and Shivakumar Yadav lodged the complaint at the High Ground police station on Saturday.

Will Bharat Jodo Yatra help transform Rahul Gandhi's image?

The Congress is pinning its hopes on the ambitious march to help build the image of its leader who has been the target of a sustained social media onslaught by political rivals

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

Even though the Bharat Jodo Yatra of the Congress is aimed at combating the divisive politics of the BJP, besides issues such as unemployment, price rise, and corruption prevailing in the country, the party is pinning its hopes on the march helping build the image of its leader Rahul Gandhi, who has been the target of a sustained social media onslaught by its political rivals.

Partymen are confident that the direct interactions of the Congress leader with a large number of people, including farmers, the middle class, and people from different walks of life as well as Congressmen, will help in an image makeover their party leader badly needs.

Tete-a-tete: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with a supporter during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Mandya district.

Direct conversations

Mr. Gandhi himself addressed the issue during a press conference at Turuvekere in Tumakuru district on Saturday when he said his communication with the people had been much better without the conventional distance that is maintained by the political class from citizens. "When you are walking on the road, the communication is much better. They speak more clearly and you understand the discussion much better," he said.

He said thousands of crores of rupees and energy had been spent on the media in an attempt to paint him in an "untruthful and wrong" manner. "That machine is going to continue. That is a well-oiled, financially rich machine. My truth is different. It has always been different. And people who care to look carefully will see what I stand for and what my truth is," he said.

He also sounded wary of the communication he makes through cameras, which he said can be "distorted" by certain "interests". Instead, he preferred the direct conversations he was having with the people that were "more truthful".

Shushrutha H.V., a neurologist from Mysuru, who returned to India after working in the U.S. for 16 years, and is presently a "Bharat Yatri", said his opinion on Mr. Gandhi, that had been built on the "distorted social media" feed, changed after he met him. During his interactions with the leader on issues relating to healthcare and telemedicine in India, Dr. Shushrutha said he found him to be not only "intelligent, but also sincere and honest" in his commitment to social justice, religious equality, and preservation of the Constitution.

However, Dr. Shushrutha pointed out that Mr. Gandhi was not made of a "traditional politician fabric".

Dr. Shushrutha sought to clarify that he was not a Congressman, but had joined the yatra for as much its appeal against religious divide and economic inequality, among other things, as for his eagerness to understand the healthcare disparities in rural areas of the country and come up with solutions.

Is goodwill enough?

Independent journalist Preethi Nagaraj, who was among the group of artists and writers interacting with Mr. Gandhi during a break from the padayatra on its second day in Karnataka, said the Congress leader, because of his privileged background, may be naive or uninformed about certain issues like many others. "But he is a nice human being," she said.

While the Congress leader, through the padayatra, is managing to consolidate enough goodwill for the party and for himself, Ms. Nagaraj was not sure if Mr. Gandhi had the leadership qualities that the party needs at present and how long the goodwill generated through the yatra could be sustained by the party.

Cong. yatra passes through BJP bastion

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with party workers during Bharat Jodo Yatra in Tumakuru district on Sunday. PTI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra on Sunday travelled through the ruling BJP belt in Tumakuru district. It went through the villages of Tiptur and Chikkanayakanahalli constituencies, both represented by BJP Ministers B.C. Nagesh and J.C. Madhuswamy. As Mr. Gandhi marched, hundreds of party workers and supporters followed him. The march continued to receive an impressive response from local people.

Mr. Gandhi began his march with his supporters at K.B. Cross in Tiptur taluk around 6.30 a.m. Senior leaders of his party joined him a few minutes later. Along the march, he interacted with schoolchildren, youth, artists' troupe, and women, besides leaders of the party.

As he noticed two girls trying to approach him, Mr. Gandhi called them and interacted with them for a few minutes and posed for the camera. Another girl in 'Bharatmata' outfit joined him in the yatra along with her mother. A progressive farmer offered him a coconut sapling. Another person handed him over a small idol of B.R. Ambedkar. Besides them, many party workers were seen trying to touch his feet seeking his blessings. The police and the security men had a tough time handling the crowd. Mr. Gandhi offered flowers to a portrait of Maharshi Valmiki at Nehru Circle at Chikkanayakanahalli, to mark Valmiki Jayanti.

Street play

Hashmi Theatre Forum, a Bengaluru-based theatre group, staged a street play based on current issues. Mr. Gandhi, who looked impressed by the performance of the troupe, clicked a few pictures and videos of the play on his mobile phone. He also posed for cameras with the theatre troupe.

T.H. Lavakumar, a lecturer and theatre personality, directed the play. Speaking to *The Hindu* over the phone, Mr. Lavakumar said the troupe had prepared itself to stage the play on Saturday evening. However, due to a paucity of time, the group did not get a chance. "However, a couple of members in the group succeed to attract Mr. Gandhi's attention during the yatra. He identified them and stopped for a few minutes so that we could perform. He told us that he was impressed by the play and the performance," Dr. Lavakumar said.

Based on real events

The play dealt with unemployment, communalism, atrocities on Dalits, and exploitation of women. "It was based on real events. We are happy for getting a chance to stage the play during the yatra," he added.

Many Congress workers from Hassan, Tumakuru, and Shivamogga districts participated in the yatra. Among them were those who recently joined the party or those hoping to get the Congress ticket in the coming elections. Some of them were seen trying to go close to Mr. Gandhi and signal the photographers to click their photos with the leader.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad, former KPCC president G. Parameshwara and others joined the yatra.

Posters criticising Cong. surface during yatra

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Workers of the ruling BJP allegedly put up posters criticising the Congress and its leaders with respect to the murder of Hindutva activists along the route of the Bharat Jodo Yatra at Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru district on Sunday. Chikkanayakanahalli is represented by Minister J.C. Madhuswamy.

One of the posters alleged that the banned PFI flourished during the Siddaramaiah-led Congress rule in the State. In another poster, Mr. Siddaramaiah was accused for the murder of Raju, a Hindutva activist.

The posters triggered a political slugfest with Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad remarking that it was the culture of the BJP to have a feast on the dead people.

Meanwhile, BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel ridiculed the yatra and said that Mr. Siddaramaiah had misled the leaders by avoiding places such as Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada.

'Derogatory' post: Man held

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Channarayapatna police, on Sunday, arrested a 20-year-old man on charges of posting an alleged derogatory message on a social media platform. Neman, the accused, had allegedly posted a picture of a street in Channarayapatna with the caption: 'Mini Pakistan, Begur Road'.

Bommai: Impetus given to education and employment of oppressed communities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that the government had given impetus to education and employment of the oppressed communities in the State.

Speaking after inaugurating Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti and presentation of Sri Maharshi Valmiki award here, he said that every order dispatched from the Vidhana Soudha was in accordance with social justice and equality that would help uplift oppressed communities. "The best way to show respect to Valimiki is by living as brothers with all communities in society and the concept of 'Ramarajya' is to provide equal opportunities to all," he added.

Stating that the SC/ST communities must not only get justice but also equal opportunity in the system, the Chief Minister added: "I have seen closely the life of hardworking people; justice must be ensured to the last man in society. Love and affection towards the SC/ST communities inspired me to increase the reservation percentage. I must compliment Justice Nagamohan Das and Justice Subhash Adi for giving wonderful reports. Even leaders of all political partes unanimously supported this decision."

CORRIDORS OF POWER

Rahul's freestyle

Rahul Gandhi, Congress MP, seemed willing to answer reporters' questions on a variety of subjects at his recent press meet in Karnataka – from Bharat Jodo Yatra experiences to the developments in Rajasthan.

He even transgressed some of the restrictions imposed on reporters at the press conference at Turuvekere in Tumakuru on Saturday by AICC general secretary in charge of communication Jairam Ramesh, MP. Mr. Ramesh, who anchored the press meet, announced a few curbs, but Mr. Gandhi spoke freely as he went along. When a reporter asked a question related to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inviting investments from industrialist Gautam Adani, Mr. Ramesh told the reporter the question was not related to Bharat Jodo Yatra. But, immediately, Mr. Gandhi said, "I will answer the question as it is an important one. I will also answer this question in English," Mr. Gandhi said. The former AICC president said he was not against any industrialist or corporate leader. "I am in no way against the corporates, businesses, but against the monopolisation of businesses as that weakens the country. And today what we are seeing is a complete monopolisation of all businesses. And that is my problem," Mr. Gandhi said, taking a dig at the Narendra Modi-led government.

'Chambal dacoits' in Vidhana Soudha

As elections are drawing close, political rhetoric in Karnataka is reaching a feverish pitch. At a programme organised by the party over the weekend, JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy *(in picture)* predictably came down heavily on the Congress and the BJP. Holding the

ruling dispensation responsible for people's suffering during the recent rain, he said, "Dacoits from the Chambal valley have occupied the Vidhana Soudha." He urged people to throw them out in the next elections.

Referring to various corruption charges against the government, he said, "The BBMP is in the hands of the party that is at the helm of affairs in the State." He went on to allege that files pertaining to various projects were burnt inside the BBMP office to hush up corruption to the tune of ₹15,000 crore.

As allegations and counter-allegations are reaching a new high, one is left wondering what the situation would be like closer to the elections expected mid-2023.

Open call to arms

Vishwa Hindu Parishat (VHP) national secretary Gopal Hegde recently gave an open call to the youth to take up training in handling arms "to protect the Hindu religion in times of crisis". He went so far as to say that activists should not be bothered about police cases. The VHP leader was speaking after he inaugurated Vijayadashami celebrations in Belagavi, but this open declaration at a public event seemed to shock none and drew almost no condemnation.

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INBRIEF

A.P. Minister blames TDP for tight financial position

Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy has blamed the massive borrowings made by the TDP government, the impact of bifurcation, and coronavirus pandemic for the State's tight financial position. In a release on Sunday, Mr. Rajendranath Reddy claimed that the capital expenditure increased appreciably in the last three years, and the government could account for every single rupee spent by it, contrary to the TDP's claim that there had been large-scale diversion and misutilisation of funds. Mr. Rajendranath Reddy said his predecessor Yanamala Ramakrishudu would speak only about FY 2020-21, when the entire world was shaken by COVID-19. He insisted that public finances had vastly improved since the YSRCP came to power in 2019, but the TDP leaders would not acknowledge it for obvious reasons.

A.P. MLA allegedly threatens women for vote in 2024

Prathipadu MLA Parvatha Sri Purnachandra Prasad has reportedly threatened some women that their pensions would be cancelled if they did not vote for the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) in the 2024 elections. In a video that went viral, Mr. Prasad was seen threatening two women during the YSRCP's 'Gadapa-Gadapaku Mana Prabhutvam' campaign at Annavaram in Kakinada district. The incident reportedly occurred last week. The Chief Minister has instructed all the MLAs to visit every household in the respective Assembly segments to receive feedback on the government policies and enquire about the reach of the schemes. In the video, Mr. Prasad reportedly told the women in Annavaram, "We have sanctioned 2,500 house sites. All these (schemes) were sanctioned during the Jagan Mohan Reddy regime. In the next elections, pensions will be stopped if you don't vote for fan (the party's symbol)."

Heroin seized in Kerala meant for 'target markets'

International drug smugglers use Indian ports of call as safe houses for concealing heroin sourced from Afghanistan to dodge severe cargo profiling at foreign ports, say enforcement officials

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A bulk of the heroin seized by the Indian Navy and Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB) from an Iranian flagged vessel off Kochi was possibly bound for 'target markets' in the U.S. and Europe via Sri Lanka, according to top enforcement officials.

They attributed the resurgence in heroin smuggling to a bumper opium crop in Afghanistan and the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the country.

An IRS official, who also trains the Navy and Indian Coast Guard in drug enforcement, noted that the demand for heroin in India had dwindled due to a marked shift in consumption patterns.

Proxy routes: A vessel with 200 kg narcotics seized by the Indian Navy and NCB off Kochi port on Friday. PTI

"The accent is on synthetic drugs, chiefly MDMA, ephedrine and methamphetamines," he said. However, international drug smugglers used Indian ports of call as safe houses for concealing heroin sourced from Afghanistan to dodge severe cargo profiling at foreign ports.

"A shipment from Iran, Pakistan, or Afghanistan will invite a fiercer scrutiny in foreign harbours than cargo from India or Sri Lanka," he said.

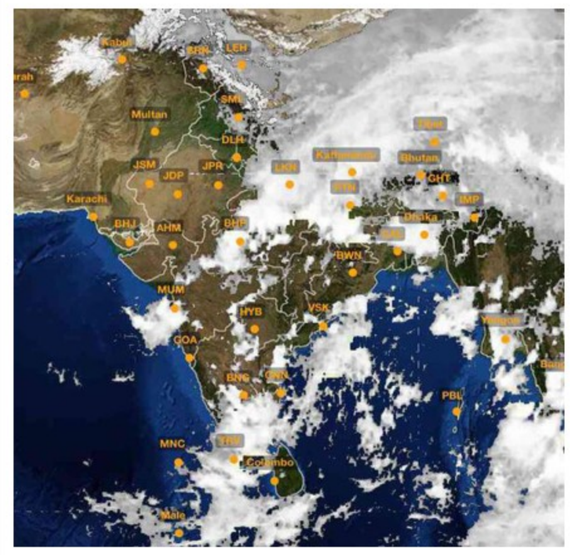
For instance, a joint operation by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) recovered 205.6 kg of heroin concealed in powdered gypsum at Kandla port in April.

The importer had sourced the chemical from Afghanistan and shipped it to Gujarat from an Iranian port for export to foreign markets.

Anti-narcotic investigators said heroin smugglers also used land routes. Customs enforcers confiscated 102 kg of heroin concealed in liquorice roots imported from Afghanistan at the Attari land port on the India-Pakistan border near Amritsar in February.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Monday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning at isolated places likely over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Tripura, Maharashtra, Goa, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.8	26.4	Kozhikode	—	31.0	24.5
Ahmedabad	—	32.8	26.0	Kurnool	0.2	32.8	23.8
Aizawl	—	27.0	20.1	Lucknow	3.0	31.4	23.5
Allahabad	—	34.6	26.0	Madurai	4.0	37.0	23.6
Bengaluru	—	27.8	18.4	Mangaluru	—	30.0	23.3
Bhopal	—	29.6	23.4	Mumbai	11.0	28.2	24.8
Bhubaneswar	1.0	31.6	25.4	Mysuru	—	30.4	19.4
Chandigarh	—	29.7	23.0	New Delhi	85.0	23.0	19.2
Chennai	19.0	32.2	23.9	Patna	—	34.0	25.8
Coimbatore	—	32.6	22.7	Port Blair	3.0	30.7	25.5
Dehradun	7.0	25.4	20.6	Puducherry	0.7	31.2	23.4
Gangtok	57.0	18.0	16.6	Pune	—	27.7	20.1
Goa	—	31.4	23.5	Raipur	—	30.4	23.0
Guwahati	12.0	34.9	23.4	Ranchi	6.0	32.6	21.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	2.0	24.6	16.5
Hyderabad	—	31.2	21.2	Shimla	—	18.4	13.1
Imphal	—	29.8	18.3	Srinagar	—	26.8	8.2
Jaipur	58.0	25.0	21.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.0	24.1
Kochi	—	30.0	24.6	Tiruchi	10.0	33.6	24.0
Kohima	—	25.4	15.4	Vijayawada	—	28.6	25.2
Kolkata	00.0	35.1	26.5	Visakhapatnam	52.0	28.0	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	100	.94	.76	69	101	
Bengaluru	.10	.18	.20	42	80	
Chennai	.9	.21	.98	—	31	
Delhi	.5	.13	.95	21	23	
Hyderabad	.8	2	123	40	36	
Kolkata	.14	.20	.7	19	28	
Lucknow	.26	.13	.60	25	25	
Mumbai	.34	.15	.18	153	—	
Pune	—	—	—	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	.34	.32	.30	19	28	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Araria, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 271 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Contribution of many freedom fighters ignored'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Most people who wrote history books have focused on leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, but ignored the contributions of other freedom fighters," B.L. Santhosh, BJP national general secretary (Organisation), said in Hubballi on Sunday.

"To say that only Gandhiji's efforts were responsible for India getting independence would be an affront to other freedom fighters. I am saying this with a lot of regard and sincerity towards Gandhiji and I know that such statements will attract a lot of controversy. But I am saying this as some historical facts should be stated as they are," he said.

He was speaking at the launch of the Kannada translation of *Swaraj 75* at an event organised by the Prajnya Pravaha and Arivu organisations. "The freedom struggle was not limited to a few educated leaders. We got independence after the sacrifice of innumerable writers, youth, farmers, and the common folk. Events like the non-cooperation movement attracted the common folk in large numbers. Sadly, such things were not documented by historians," he said. "In our existing history books, we only get to read about Gandhiji and his followers. We don't see much focus on fighters like Lal Bahadur Shastri, Subhash Chandra Bose, Mailara Mahadevappa, Aratala Rudragouda, and others," he said.

"It is ironical that people like Romila Thapar and Bipan Chandra, who had no regard for nationalist leaders and who did not highlight the contribution of patriotic leaders, were considered great historians. However, now is the time for change. We are engaged in removing the dark curtains on history. We will make sure that the right version of history is presented, especially before our children," he said. "We are correcting some historical wrongs," he said. He alleged that some vested interests were spreading lies about patriots like V.D. Savarkar.

New heights

Statue of Divinity: Work on a 111-foot statue of 12th century saint reformer Basavanna is on at Basavagangotri near Kumbalgodu village, off the Bengaluru-Mysuru road, in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Arundhati Roy flags signs of fascism in India, says it is aided by corporate funding

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The state and constitutional institutions conflated with a single political party is a prominent indicator of fascism, which can be seen in India, says renowned writer Arundhati Roy.

Listing out the signs of fascism during her talk on 'The Fascist Movement' at the 13th Balagopal Memorial Meet organised by the Human Rights Forum in Hyderabad on Sunday, Ms. Roy mentioned that fascism comes riding on a social crisis that challenges existing hierarchies. In India, it is inextricably linked to caste. Longing for a mythical past, mass movements with support from ruling class, fabrication of external threat, single largest proletarian party, subservient media, existence of street fighting militia force, hypermasculinity, anti-feminism, and anti-caste consciousness are all indicative of the fascist rule the country is currently in, Ms. Roy noted. She cited the Agnipath scheme of the Central government for short-term recruitment into the armed forces as one measure, which could result in large numbers of fascist militia for future.

Arundhati Roy

Ms. Roy said the entire project of fascism is underpinned by corporate funding."You can tell people about a mythical past and snatch away their future," she said, recalling the decisions of demonetisation and COVID-19 lockdown which were anti-poor.

Kerala invites Adani group for talks on Vizhinjam

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The Kerala government has invited the Adani Group for discussions on how to take the Vizhinjam seaport project ahead in the face of the protracted agitation spearheaded by the Latin archdiocese, Thiruvananthapuram.

Earlier, the Adani Vizhinjam Port Pvt. Ltd. (AVPPL), the multi-port operator tasked with the execution of the ambitious project, demanded the State to compensate a loss of around ₹78.70 crore it incurred on account of the long-drawn strike.

Recovering loss

The issue has then snowballed into a controversy with Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd. (VISL), the State government company which oversees the project, requesting the State government to recoup the loss from protesters in the line of High Court directive that loss incurred by the State due to the protest of political parties should be recovered from the protesters themselves.

After the letter by the AVPPL, which stated that it has suffered a loss of ₹1.5 crore daily during the period of strike, Port Minister Ahamed Devarkovil has invited the firm for a discussion on October 13 as the company has reportedly communicated to the State government that it would miss the deadline for the first phase of commissioning of the port owing to the strike. According to sources, the State is not against the proposal to extend the project deadline.

HC pulls up RGUHS; admonishes registrar for lodging criminal case against advocate

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The High Court of Karnataka has pulled up the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences besides admonishing its registrar for filing a criminal case of cheating against an advocate, who was among varsity's panel of advocates, accusing him of conniving with opposite parties in a litigation and representing the university sans its authorisation.

While directing RGUHS and its registrar, M.R. Ravikumar, to exercise caution while registering such reckless complaints, the court also cautioned them that any such iteration of the kind of haste would be viewed seriously.

High Court of Karnataka

Petition filed

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by advocate Shivakumar S. Badwadagi of Dharwad and quashing the First Information Report against him by RGHUS.

The court noted that the petitioner, who was a member of panel of advocates for the RGUHS for nearly two decades, was asked by the High Court in a batch of petitions filed by accused persons in the case of PG Entrance Exam-2010 malpractice.

He had accepted the notice on behalf of the RGUHS on court's instruction and the court had disposed of those petitions in terms of an order passed earlier in a similar petition filed by other accused persons.

After Mr. Shivakumar communicated the court's order, the RGUHS lodged a criminal case against him accusing him of conniving with the accused persons and helping them in disposal of their petitions.

Also, the RGUHS had issued statement in the newspapers that he was removed from the panel of the university and a criminal case has been registered against him.

"The act of the petitioner in representing the university before the court and the court allowing the petitions following an earlier judgment can never lead to registration of the crime..." the court said while pointing out that the RGUHS neither conducted any preliminary inquiry against the petitioner nor placed any material for the allegations levelled against him.

Improbable allegations

Described the RGUHS's complaint as tainted with mala fides, allegations are inherently improbable and does not make out a crime against the petitioner, the court said that "such frivolous complaint, if permitted to continue, would be putting a premium on the mischief generated by the university, to settle its scores on a panel counsel" who has been representing the university for ages.

Kerala CM seeks Malayali diaspora's help in State planning

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Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has sought the support of the Malayali diaspora in improving the living standards of the people of Kerala on a par with that in middle-income countries within 25 years.

He also pitched opportunities for collaboration in various sectors, including education, health care, industries and skill development while inaugurating the Europe and United Kingdom regional conference of the *Loka Kerala Sabha* in London on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vijayan highlighted the potential of the *Loka Kerala Sabha* in creating a *Nava Keralam* [New Kerala] fuelled by a knowledge-based economy.

Mr. Vijayan reiterated the State's demand for a national migration policy that could ascertain the service conditions of Non-Resident Indians (NRI) and prevent the exploitation of migrants. The absence of such legislation had resulted in the absence of a comprehensive database of NRIs spread across the world.

Status beyond faith

The panel on giving SC status to converts has its work cut out

The Centre has appointed a three-member Commission to examine the sensitive issue of extending Scheduled Caste (SC) status to all those who have historically suffered discrimination and untouchability, regardless of the religion they now profess. It is a task fraught with difficulty for the panel headed by former Chief Justice of India, K. G. Balakrishnan, as it will have to grapple with both social realities and ideological objections while addressing the core question. The government itself has described it as a seminal and historically complex sociological and constitutional question. This is not the first time that the issue has come up before the Supreme Court – the panel's appointment comes in the wake of the Court asking the Centre to clarify its position on the issue – or has been examined by a commission headed by a former Chief Justice. In 1985, the Supreme Court agreed that historical discrimination may continue even after members of the SCs convert to other religions, but did not decide in favour of such converts being given SC status as it felt there was not enough material outlining their condition after conversion. It is to be welcomed that the Balakrishnan Commission has been asked specifically to examine the changes that Dalits go through after conversion in terms of their social status and the discrimination they may face, along with the implications of according them SC status.

The National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities, headed by retired Chief Justice Ranganath Mishra, also examined this issue. In its 2007 report, the panel made a categorical recommendation in favour of giving SC status to Dalits belonging to all religions. It found the caste system to be "an all-pervading social phenomenon in India shared by almost all Indian communities". It stressed the constitutional need to eliminate the religion-based discrimination underlying the present policy of limiting SC status to those professing Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism. While the tenets of a religion may not allow discrimination, the ground reality was different, it said. The main counter-views are well-known: discrimination and deprivation being the consequences of the caste-based Hindu social order, SC status should not be extended to those who have converted to Christianity and Islam; and the benefits involved may be seen as an incentive to mass conversion. Another objection is that the share of the reservation pie available to Dalits among Hindus may shrink if new sections are included. There is no 'creamy layer' concept for SC reservation, and expanding its scope may be to the disadvantage of the current beneficiaries. The Commission will have to come up with a definitive study of these complex issues.

Peace, Prize, politics

The Nobel can strengthen the voices of peace and human rights globally

By choosing a Belarusian human rights campaigner and two civil liberty-focused organisations from Ukraine and Russia for this year's Nobel Prize for Peace, the Norwegian Committee has once again offered its redoubtable support for voices that are critical of the authoritarianism and militarism of Moscow and its allies. This is the second year in a row that Russians who demand accountability and respect for human rights from authorities have been chosen for the Prize. In 2021, Dmitry Muratov, editor-in-chief of the Russian *Novaya Gazeta*, one of the few independent newspapers in Vladimir Putin's Russia, was a co-winner of the Prize for his "efforts to safeguard freedom of expression". This year, Memorial, an organisation that has been documenting alleged state abuses in Russia since 1987, shared the Prize with Ales Bialiatski, the Belarusian activist, and the Center for Civil Liberties (CCL) in Ukraine. Memorial is one of the few independent NGOs in Russia that continue to demand accountability from the country's rulers. It has a database of both the victims and perpetrators of state abuses that date back to the Stalin era. Mr. Bialiatski, who is the founder of the rights group called Viasna (Spring), has been campaigning for democracy in Belarus since the 1980s. The CCL, which was founded to promote democracy in Ukraine, is known for documenting Russia's alleged war crimes in Ukraine.

Of the three recipients, Mr. Bialiatski and Memorial continue to face the wrath of the state. Mr. Bialiatski was jailed from 2011 to 2014 by the regime of Aleksandr Lukashenko. When street protests broke out across the country in 2020 after the disputed presidential election in which Mr. Lukashenko "won" a sixth term, authorities arrested Mr. Bialiatski again. He is currently in jail without trial. Memorial, founded in the Soviet Union's internal reform period, has had several run-ins with the Putin administration. Last year, the NGO was disbanded by a Moscow court and last week, a judge ruled in favour of the seizure of the organisation's office by the authorities. CCL, founded in 2007, rose to prominence in Ukraine's 2014 pro-western Maidan protests that brought down the pro-Russian government of Viktor Yanukovych. Since the February 24 Russian invasion of Ukraine, the CCL has been documenting Russia's alleged atrocities. The Peace Prize has often been criticised as a political award shorn of credibility, but it could strengthen the voices of peace and human rights globally.

Why India Inc. is not taking a Hanuman leap

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In a meeting held with the country's corporate leaders on September 15, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman drew attention to an important aspect of the economy today. She rightly flagged concerns about sluggish corporate investment, despite the government's business-friendly stance, including a reduction in the corporate tax. The reduction, effected in 2019, lowered the rate for existing companies to 22% from 30% and for new manufacturing companies to 15% from 25%. However, the corporate investment rate, i.e., investment as a share of the national income, has barely budged. Ms. Sitharaman challenged corporate leaders to invest, asking rhetorically whether, like Hanuman in the Ramayana, they needed to be reminded of their inborn strength. The analogy is mismatched, though. For, while Hanuman was so devoted to Lord Rama that he was ready to risk his life serving him, private firms are driven by profit expectations. Managers are averse to risk, and unlikely to rush to invest based on exhortation from a Minister if they do not anticipate enough profits. Private investment accounts for close to 75% of total capital formation in the economy; its revival therefore is essential for sustained growth of the economy.

Decline of private capital formation

The Narendra Modi government's first pronouncements in 2014 had conveyed that it desired a shift away from a state-driven model of economic development. This much was apparent in its slogan 'minimum government'. If this was to be, the private sector would take the lead in driving the economy. Mr. Modi had a reputation as a business-friendly Chief Minister of Gujarat. Upon reaching Delhi, he emphasised that his government would improve the ease of doing business in India. This by itself is a worthy objective, as anyone familiar with the working of the regulatory apparatus in India would agree.

The one lever that the government could have pulled as it watched private investment decline was to step up public investment

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As private capital formation last peaked in 2011-12, its decline is something that the present government inherited. However, it has had no success in turning it around. Though it has not allowed public investment to slip, that has not been enough under the circumstances. Either ideological predilection regarding the size of the government or the straitjacket imposed by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act have held back the government from expanding it. We can see with hindsight that the government misread the situation prevailing when it came to power, and thus failed to recognise its own role at that moment.

So, what was the state of the economy then? The boom had ended by 2008, and the economy was held up only by former Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee's stimulus. When Mr. Modi arrived at the Centre, the upsurge in public investment had long since ended and agricultural growth had become erratic. In fact, in the first two years of his prime ministership, agriculture did not grow at all. Finally, with the global financial crisis and the slowing of the world economy, export growth declined. These added up to a slowing of the exogenous drivers of demand, and private investors could not but have seen that the situation was not likely to turn positive soon. Also, they would not necessarily have been enthused by the possibility that the ideology of 'minimum government' could end up putting public investment on hold, failing to expand aggregate demand when it was needed. So, based on the situation in 2014, India's investors would have been fully rational in anticipating a not-so-rosy future for the economy unless some exogenous factors were to turn favourable, or the government were to act decisively to energise the situation through public investment. They would have seen that demonetisation, with the attendant digitisation, and the roll out of the GST could not have done much for the growth of demand.

Stepping up public investment

The one lever that the government could have pulled as it watched private investment decline was to step up public investment. It refused to do this for its first six years in office. Only ideological blinkers combined with the hubris that there is nothing to be learned from history can explain this inaction. Since 1947, every turning point of growth in India was preceded by a significant shift upward of the public investment rate. This includes the growth accelerations of the 1950s, the late 1970s, and the early 2000s and the downturns of the mid-1960s as well as the one that followed the 2008 global financial crisis. It suggests that crowding in, rather than crowding out, characterises the relationship between public and private capital formation in India.

While the Modi government has for long nursed an aversion to the government playing a role in capital formation, the experience during the pandemic seems to have brought about a change of mind. The Union Budget of 2022 was defined by a historic increase in the allocation for capital spending. This could have a positive effect on private investment, but past experience suggests that it could take time to play out. So, the expansion in public investment may have to be sustained for sufficiently long. Even the fiscally conservative International Monetary Fund has suggested that public investment can play the role of an engine of growth for the developing economies. The sustained growth needed to kindle private investment may require that the current public investment thrust be sustained for at least half a decade. However, two aspects would remain crucial even if the government were to find the will to maintain its current pace. One, it is important to choose the right projects. The investment must be focused on productivity-enhancing infrastructure. Here, some tied transfer of funds to the States would be desirable, as they are better placed to identify such investment. Two, inflation can derail a high public investment programme due to the disaffection it generates. Its control would require a step-up in the growth of agricultural produce other than the superior cereals. In fact, this should be seen as an opportunity to end India's import dependence on edible oils and the persisting shortfall in the supply of vegetables. It is by now clear that the Reserve Bank of India does not have what it takes to control inflation, and only a supply-side thrust can permanently end food inflation.

Though this government may have inherited the sluggish private investment, it must reflect upon whether its own actions may have adversely affected the investment climate. Could the significant step-up in raids by the Enforcement Directorate and the Income Tax Department have had a chilling effect? Could the unreasonable stringency that governs the financial transactions of even not-for-profit organisations have stifled the legitimate economic activity that they give rise to? Could it be that the economy's goose is being cooked by a surveillance state?

The fate of chips will determine the fate of nations

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A human hair is 50-180 microns whereas the novel coronavirus is 0.1-0.5 microns. In comparison, today's most advanced chips are about half the size of the novel coronavirus in diameter and are shrinking rapidly. The fate of nations depends on this infinitesimally small piece of silicon, which can devastate and shape our lives in myriad ways.

Dependence on chips

Let us consider three different scenarios. First, Apple's new A16 chip has over 16 billion transistors in it. And Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), the world's leading manufacturer of chips, placed over one quintillion (that's 1 followed by 18 zeros) transistors on just the iPhone chip. Every message we send, every picture we take, every call we make depends on one chip or the other.

Apple buys its chips from Cirrus Logic, Kioxia, Skywords and TSMC. It designs these in-house, and the super complex processes that run the iPhone operating system makes Apple a force of nature. But even a trillion-dollar company like Apple is not able to manufacture its own chips. A16 is made by a single company, in a single building called Building 18 in Taipei. TSMC's fab is perhaps the world's most expensive and valuable factory. Chips today are manufactured in just a handful of nations: Taiwan, South Korea, the U.S., Japan, the Netherlands, and China.

Second, Russia appears to be unable to dominate Ukraine in the war, one of the reasons being that it is using more brawn than brain. Ukraine is using precision-guided missiles to fight Russia, which it recently procured from its Western allies. These missiles are powered by chips. While Russia has some precision-guided missiles, it is unable to manufacture these at the scale required because of Western trade sanctions. Whatever Russia has is a combination of some chips stolen, some made indigenously and some imported in the past, claim Ukraine and U.S. officials. The U.S. government's famous Entity List ensures that this technology does not reach China and Russia and they cannot get ahead in the chips race.

States must bear in mind that steady electricity and billions of gallons of clean water are required to set up a chip unit

Third, earlier this year, Toyota temporarily shut down production at assembly lines at five domestic group plants in Japan due to the shortage of chips. If you want to buy a new car in the U.S., the waiting time is really long.

What is common in these scenarios is the importance of chips. Not just the ability to manufacture chips, but also the ability to integrate and synthesise them into complex systems will determine the fate of nations in the coming decades. Today, critical sectors such as defence, telecom, electronics and mobility are hugely impacted by the chip shortage, which won't end until 2023, as per research studies. If there ever is a natural disaster in South Korea or Taiwan, it could only worsen the crisis. The U.S., European Union, Japan, India and China have poured in about $200 billion into the semiconductors sector, but the impact of that will not be seen now. The U.S. was ready to defend Taiwan should there be aggression from China probably because no country in the world has the capability to produce chips better and faster than Taiwan (and South Korea) does.

'Don't be Foxconned'

While India has taken a visionary step to subsidise chip manufacturing through the Production-Linked Incentive scheme, there is one cautionary tale that it must bear in mind as it chases global chip manufacturers. It is called 'Don't be Foxconned'. Like Brazil and Vietnam in the past, in June 2018, Racine County in Wisconsin in the U.S. was led up the proverbial garden path by Terry Gou, Chairman of Foxconn, along with U.S. President Donald Trump and Governor Scott Walker. Mr. Gou secured around $5 billion in subsidies and promised thousands of jobs and the world's best LCD manufacturing plant. But everything remained on paper. Despite uprooting people from their homes to build a new factory, not one chip or LCD panel ever got built there. Mr. Trump even called the Wisconsin Valley Science and Technology Park the eighth wonder of the world. A manufacturing facility in the municipal records, its designation was quietly changed last month to 'storage facility'.

Indian States, which are competing to court chip manufacturing investments, must also bear in mind that steady electricity and billions of gallons of clean water are required to set up a chip unit, which none of them can offer today. Even LCD panel manufacturing is a dream for the future. For example, the proposed Racine plant required about seven million gallons of water per day, which was being called a violation of the Great Lakes Compact by environmentalists. Chips manufacturing will require even more. India will get there with prudent strategies and sensible leadership in the coming decade, if all goes well.

A chip manufacturing plant costs $15 billion-$20 billion which takes years to recoup profitably even if it is runs all year. With global supply chains in turmoil thanks to COVID-19 and the Ukraine war, the game of chips is even more complicated now. Every major economic superpower is using its money and its best minds to win this silicon battle. This will impact the lives of citizens in more ways than one. India can afford to lose this war only at its own peril.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Russia's setbacks

While the bomb blast is a small strategic loss to Russia, it is a major symbolic blow to President Vladimir Putin ("Blast damages Russia's arterial link to Crimea", October 9). Crimea is politically and strategically important for Russia and the bridge is the key supply route to Russian soldiers fighting in southern Ukraine. While the news of the explosion will surely boost the morale of the Ukrainian military, the incident could possibly escalate the war.

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As he is being pushed to a corner, Mr. Putin has increased his nuclear rhetoric, promising to use all forces and means to defend newly seized territory in Ukraine. In response, U.S. President Joe Biden issued a warning of nuclear 'Armageddon' if Russia crossed the Rubicon. Mr. Putin's threats seem to be an act of desperation, given Russia's string of military losses in recent weeks. At such dangerous times, we need cooler heads. Countries, including India and China, must use all their diplomatic tools to persuade Mr. Putin to stop issuing such threats.

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No name, no symbol

The Sena split is a familiar tale of the clash of personal egos ("No faction can use Shiv Sena name, symbol for now: EC", Oct. 9). The party will now probably find its identity being subsumed by other dominant parties. It even faces the possibility of becoming inconsequential. Regional parties are no stronger than the weakest link within. They need to evolve a more democratic internal makeup, members need greater devotion to the party's ideology, and aim for a larger purpose.

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Towards representation

While the AIMMM's decision to reserve two seats each for women and Pasmanda community representatives is welcome, the federation has fallen short of doing justice to its democratic credentials ("Muslim federation to reserve seats for women on its panel", Oct. 9). It would have been better had it announced this as a part of wider reforms to ensure equal membership of women and allocate posts to all communities according to their numerical strength. The AIMMM cannot make claims of speaking on behalf of all Muslims without according due place to women and diverse communities who make up the Muslim community. While a weak argument may be made against caste-based representation on the grounds that there are no such identities in Islam, no such argument can be brought forth on the question of women's equal participation. Organisations opposing such representation should carry out a survey of the caste backgrounds of their members and office-bearers and, going by the findings, modify their stand or convince others about its correctness.

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The coalition of the world

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The League of Nations, set up in 1920, was the first intergovernmental organisation with the aim to promote international cooperation and outlived its utility with World War II. The United Nations claims to be the one place where all the world's nations can discuss common problems and find shared solutions that benefit all of humanity. Now, 75 years later, rising conflict situations suggest it is time to go back to first principles of the Charter.

The United Nations Secretary General (UNSG), António Guterres, made a candid assessment of global governance. He addressed the United Nations General Assembly and said the "world is in big trouble", "gridlocked in colossal global dysfunction", even the "G20 is in the trap of geopolitical divides". "In a splintering world, we need to create mechanisms of dialogue to heal divides" and "only by acting as one, we can nurture fragile shoots of hope" for a "coalition of the world". This is a call for fresh thinking.

India's Presidency of the Group of 20, UN Security Council (UNSC) in 2022, and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023 when major powers are not even talking to each other and India alone, now the fifth largest economy, is interacting with each of them, presents a historic opportunity.

UN at a turning point

The gridlock does not flow from bilateral relations but from the way international cooperation is being re-defined.

First, multilateralism is under challenge even by its proponent, with the United States opting for partnerships, with the most important areas being the worst affected. The G7 Summit, held in June, endorsed the goals of a cooperative international Climate Club to accelerate climate action outside the UN. The dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO without the quorum of its members has rendered the institution dysfunctional. Despite the G7 having accepted the need for transfer of funds at Rio in 1992, because of their role in creating the climate crisis, the promise made in 2009 to provide at least $100 billion per year in climate finance remains unfulfilled.

Second, China has opted for rival set of multilateral institutions. China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) seeks to achieve policy, infrastructure, trade, financial, and people-to-people connectivity by building a new platform for international cooperation to create "new drivers of shared development", and covers half the world population with one-third the GDP and investment of $930 billion. China's Global Development Initiative, 2021, and linked Global Security Initiative, 2022, is developing a conceptual frame responding to an urbanising world, i.e. digital governance and non-traditional security, which the international system has not covered.

Third, more significant than the clash of institutions reflecting the deepening divide between the Atlantic powers and the Russia-China combine is the diffusion of wealth, technology and power. The 'rest', despite threats, are now capable of not taking sides and are looking for leadership within the United Nations, for what the UNSG characterised as "coalition of the world".

India will chair the Security Council in December, and will have the Presidency of the G20 and the SCO.

India's Presidency of the G20, SCO and UNSC is a historic opportunity for reinventing the United Nations

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'Vasudhaiva kutumbakam'

Strategists in major powers see the world in binary terms around rules. In a multipolar world, the question is the kind of rules needed for human wellbeing and whether principles would serve the purpose better.

Second, the time is ripe for a 'big idea' that both keeps away from the current multilateral focus on global rules, amount of aid and inviolability of IPR's as well as recognises a role for competing institutions as countries can now secure the best terms themselves without bargaining.

Third, just as the 'Rio principles' continue to guide climate change, *vasudhaiva kutumbakam*, or 'world as one family', focusing on comparable levels of wellbeing can be the core of a set of universal socio-economic principles for a dialogue between the states.

Fourth, to the current global consensus around equitable sustainable development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has added a clearer societal purpose to flesh out a universal civilisational principle. He emphasised 'Lifestyle for Environment' seeing climate change as a societal process and combating it devoid of trade-offs characteristic of the Climate Treaty. He has also offered India's payments and linked digital ID technology without IPR restrictions.

Fifth, redefining 'common concerns' in terms of felt needs of the majority rather than interests and concerns of the powerful will shift the focus of a much slimmed down United Nations squarely to human wellbeing, and not as an add-on.

India's Presidential statement could introduce 'vasudhaiva kutumbakam' in the UNSC in December. The SCO Summit will precede the G20 Summit and acceptance of overarching principles will support acceptance by the wider G20.

Hartals bring Kerala to a standstill

The recurring hartals have made the State perennially volatile

STATE OF PLAY

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Impromptu hartals have been Kerala's bane over several decades. Organisations of all hues have shut down the State at different times and over the years to demonstrate their political heft.

Stranded travellers, stone-throwing casualties, deserted streets, vandalised shops and private properties, damaged public transport buses, hospitals devoid of patients, empty public offices, shuttered schools and closed fuel depots are the classic vignettes of hartal life in Kerala.

Keralites tend to remain indoors for the better part of the day, at least until the initial ferocity of the strike abates. Hartals have upended the rhythms of everyday life on scores of occasions. Recurrent hartals arguably risk projecting Kerala as a politically edgy and perennially volatile State with scant regard for civic rights.

Kerala has endured several crippling hartals that the public seemed to have lost count of them. Many citizens appear reconciled to strikes as an undeniable fact of life. Their anger is reflected mainly in critical memes and social media trolls.

Of late, hartals in Kerala are often called at the drop of a hat and for seemingly frivolous reasons, earning the criticism that most are patently unjustifiable.

Kerala's hartals have also assumed a different character in the mobile phone age. Organisations use closed online messaging groups to direct their cadres, far away from the public eye. Such clandestinely organised and remote-controlled strikes have come to be known as "WhatsApp, guerilla or flash hartals".

For the Kerala High Court, the most recent hartal called by the Popular Front of India (PFI) to protest the arrest of its top leaders by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) appeared to have crossed a line.

There were at least two petrol bomb attacks in North Kerala. Masked and helmet-clad persons travelling on motorbikes targeted buses, vehicles, shops and hotels in the State.

A premeditated action

Many attacks occurred near surveillance camera blind-spots, indicating premeditated action. Hartal supporters vented their ire mainly on the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses and private vehicles ferrying passengers to airports, hospitals, social functions and railway stations.

The Kerala High Court registered a *suo moto* case and held the PFI leaders liable for the privation, violence and loss to the public and private property caused by the hartal. It set the forfeiture of loss caused to public and private property as a pre-condition for granting bail to hartal supporters.

The Court deemed the PFI hartal unlawful. It pointed out that the organisation was answerable for judicial contempt. In earlier rulings, the High Court had insisted that organisations or individuals calling for a general strike should give the citizenry an advance notice of at least seven days so that the State would have sufficient time to prepare for the strike and safeguard public interest.

The direction empowered the public to file their objection, if any, in court. It also allowed the judiciary to examine the legality of the strike call.

The High Court Division Bench comprising Justice A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar and Justice Mohammed Nias C.P. observed that "the citizens of the State cannot be made to live in fear solely because they do not have the organised might of the persons or political parties at whose instance violent acts during hartals are perpetrated".

In the landmark ruling, the justices held the organisers of hartals directly responsible for the injuries inflicted on citizens and destruction caused to public and private property.

The Kerala HC ruled: "It is the rule of law, and not the rule of men or mobs that legitimises governance under our democracy. The very call for a flash hartal is illegal and unconstitutional, as it is not preceded by the adequate public notice".

The court drew a clear line between peaceful demonstrations and violent protests.

Legal experts, traders' organisations and various citizen groups have hailed the ruling as a watershed judgment that would deter those who initiate hartals with impunity and scant regard for the public interest.

However, whether Kerala's future protests will become more democratic and civic remains to be seen.

Inflation peaks in Europe as Russia squeezes oil supply

Energy-related inflation across Europe started to rise post the Ukraine invasion and accelerated to over 40% in the recent months

DATA POINT

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In the seven months following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the tables have turned. Initially, major financial and commercial sanctions were imposed on Russia by the U.S., the U.K., the European Union and other nations. This had a telling effect on the rouble, which was trading at 81 per dollar before the invasion and by March fell to 151. However, the rouble recovered quickly in the following months, and by May, it went back to the pre-invasion levels.

In the months following the invasion, tougher sanctions against Russian oil and gas remained a contentious subject for countries in the European region. This was because a quarter of the region's oil needs were met by Russia before the war. After much deliberation, the 27-nation bloc decided to cut off Russian oil that comes by ship from December 5. Russia also has increasingly decreased its oil exports to the European region and is planning to reduce it further if the U.S. and other nations go ahead with a price cap on its oil.

Data shows that a combination of supply-squeeze from Russia and self-imposed import restrictions have led to a sudden surge in Europe's energy prices. Inflation across the European region spiraled up uncontrollably since the Ukrainian invasion. Chart 1 shows the month-wise inflation rate in the European Union since 2010 across various sectors.

Energy-related inflation started to rise post the war and accelerated to over 40% in recent months. While the overall inflation and food-related inflation have surged to 10-year highs in recent days, their increase pales in comparison to the rise in energy prices.

The impact of rising energy costs was felt across all European nations. Chart 2 shows the energy-related inflation rates in select European countries. In the U.K., energy inflation crossed the 70% mark, and in Spain, it crossed the 60% mark, while in the Netherlands it almost touched 100%. In all the nations analysed, the energy-related inflation levels have reached at least a 10-year peak.

Such a drastic increase in inflation levels in Europe is understandable given the very high levels of dependency on Russian oil. Chart 3 shows the share of Russia's oil imports in total domestic oil consumption of a country. The figure provided is an average between 2014 and 2019. For instance, oil supplies from Russia formed 38% of Germany's domestic oil demand. Countries such as Belgium, Finland and Netherlands too had a very high dependency on Russia for their oil needs.

In some countries, the figure exceeded 100% as a nation may import more fuel than it consumes in a year. Some may stock, re-export or convert it into other petroleum products and export them.

Despite such high dependence, following the Ukraine invasion, the oil supply from Russia to most of the European countries has taken a hit. Table 4 shows Russia's share in a country's total oil imports. The data is provided for two periods – February 2021 to June 2021, and February 2022 to June 2022. For instance, Russia formed 60-75% of Finland's total oil imports in 2021. However, it reduced to 10-30% in April-June 2022.

A similar decreasing trend was observed in the U.K. Before the invasion, Russia formed 15-20% of U.K.'s total oil imports. However, between April and June 2022, it reduced to 2-5%.

With the U.S. and a group of seven major democracies working out the details on a price cap on Russian oil and the EU approving a measure along those lines this week, more Russian oil may get taken off the market, pushing the prices even higher.

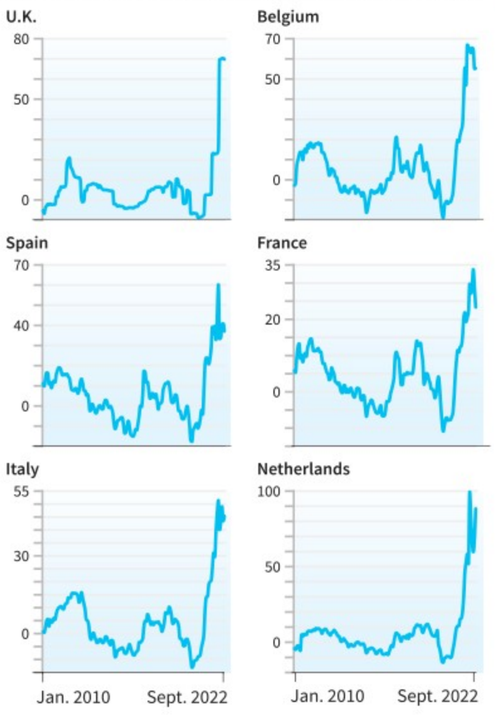
(With inputs from AP)

"Winter is coming" for Europe

The tables and charts show that energy-related inflation has accelerated post the war. The data were sourced from Euro Area Statistics and International Energy Agency. Figures show that a combination of supply-squeeze from Russia and self-imposed import restrictions by European nations have led to a sudden surge in Europe's energy prices

Chart 1 : The chart shows the month-wise inflation rate in the European Union since 2010 across various sectors

Chart 2 : The chart shows the energy-related inflation rates in select European countries since 2010. The inflation data for the period January 2010 to August 2022 is plotted



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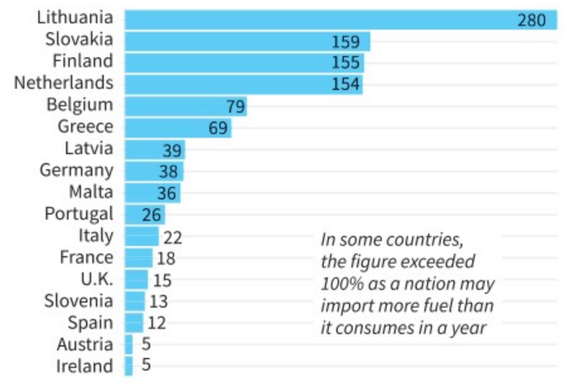

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Hungary	44	27	33	45	36	51	61	67	64	72
Poland	60	60	59	69	70	58	50	49	38	46
Czech Republic	33	36	25	34	24	30	41	38	29	30
Germany	32	27	32	25	27	30	32	25	23	23
Italy	7	13	12	12	15	17	12	17	22	22
Netherlands	19	23	17	17	19	39	20	20	17	17
Belgium	21	19	21	24	17	29	24	14	17	14
Finland	75	75	66	49	60	57	31	15	11	13
France	20	16	20	15	17	19	14	19	13	8
Spain	9	6	9	11	8	10	7	3	0	2
United Kingdom	14	22	16	16	13	18	9	5	4	2
Sweden	9	7	10	10	11	13	5	2	0	0
Portugal	5	3	7	6	0	9	10	0	0	0
Ireland	6	5	12	0	0	6	2	0	0	0
Greece	18	18	19	30	24	19	15	0	0	0
Denmark	19	12	25	15	7	5	4	0	0	0

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FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 10, 1972

20,000 Uganda Asians expected to settle in U.K.

Kampala, Oct. 9: Britain granted entry permits to just over 21,500 Asians by the end of its emergency processing programme here last weekend. But although British officials are unwilling to speculate on the precise number of those who will settle in Britain, it is thought highly unlikely they will exceed 20,000. A High Commission spokesman said last night that 21,569 entry permits were issued by the completion of the processing programme yesterday. The processing began six weeks ago following President Amin's order that non-citizen Asians must leave Uganda by November 8. The emergency processing office will remain open until Wednesday for Asians who missed coming forward when their passport numbers were called. But they are not expected to number more than a few hundred. The spokesman said 51,732 passport holders had been called forward during the six weeks. On the last day of the programme on Saturday, only 87 heads of family, representing with their dependents 269 people came forward out of 6,500 passport numbers called. The remainder of the 55,000 British Asians are assumed either to have left Uganda or to be among the small number of Asians exempted from expulsion.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 10, 1922

Bombay's housing problem

Bombay, Oct. 9: For providing housing at moderate rents to poor men, especially workmen and clerks, the Bombay Government has sanctioned a scheme for granting state loans to Cooperative Societies. Later, the Cooperative Conference passed a resolution urging that the same facilities should be provided to tenant ownership societies also. The Government, in the course of a press note, however, makes it clear that, as there is every possibility that members of the tenant ownership societies can make private profit, they (Government) cannot devote public money whether as a loan or otherwise. If, however, the bylaws of the society clearly and legally provide against any misuse of concessions or profiteering of any kind, the Government is willing to extend the benefits of loans to societies whose members are tenants, either on co-partnership tenancy system or on long leases from the society.

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AAP Minister quits over conversion row

"The BJP has a problem with me following the teaching of Babasaheb Ambedkar and is using this to play dirty politics... I do not wish that due to me my leader Mr. Kejriwal and my party are harmed in anyway," he added.

Second-term Minister

Mr. Gautam was a second-term Minister holding the portfolio of Social Welfare, SC, ST and Gurudwara Elections and is the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP's) MLA from northeast Delhi's Seemapuri constituency.

Reacting to Mr. Gautam's resignation, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said "only resignation is not enough but legal action should also be taken against him".

He should also be expelled from his party for condemning Hindu gods and goddesses, the BJP leader said. "Mr. Gautam's resignation does not mean that there has been any improvement in Kejriwal's ideology, but it is because there is a fear of loss in the Gujarat and Himachal elections. That is why he has asked Mr. Gautam to resign," Mr. Bidhuri further said.

Party in a fix

The controversy had left Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in a fix and it has officially maintained silence on the issue. The Delhi Chief Minister had to face posters calling him "anti-Hindu" at a rally in poll-bound Gujarat.

Mr. Kejriwal invoked Lord Rama and Lord Krishna in his speech at the rally and promised voters an all-expenses paid pilgrimage to Ayodhya if his party came to power in Gujarat. Party sources had said that Mr. Kejriwal was "extremely displeased" with his Minister.

Youth swims 13 km to Dhanushkodi

A senior officer, part of the investigation, told *The Hindu* that Mr. Khan had left Sri Lanka about three days ago in an illegal vessel hired by a family of five in Mannar district. As they were nearing the fifth islet near Arichalmunai, there were gunshots mid-sea. Apprehending trouble, Mr. Khan jumped off the vessel. When the family of five reached the Mandapam shore on Friday, they were clueless about him. Rameswaram fishermen spotted the youth swimming and alerted the marine police who brought him to the shores.

According to Mr. Khan's statement, his parents lived in Kuthupattu, a refugee camp in Puducherry, while a few relatives lived in Ramanathapuram.

Campaign against drugs will be a national drive, says Amit Shah

The enforcement agencies doubled the target of destroying 75,000 kg of narcotic substances during Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, he said. Shah held meetings with police officials, focused on connectivity and resolution of boundary disputes

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Anti-drug fight: Amit Shah holding a meeting with the CMs and DGPs of northeastern States. PTI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the fight against drugs, intensified by the northeastern States, would lead to a unified approach across the country.

At the regional conference of Chief Ministers, Chief Secretaries and Directors-General of Police (DGPs) of the eight States in the northeast on Saturday evening, he acknowledged drug consumption in the region as a serious problem.

The issue also dominated his meeting with Assam's Superintendents of Police (SPs) in Dergaon of Golaghat district on Sunday evening.

Mr. Shah said the drug dealers in the northeast struck deals with Myanmar-based syndicates that operated through accounts in some banks in Manipur.

"Drug smugglers from the northeast are also in collusion with Nigerians. Suspected involvement of south Indians living in the northeast in drug smuggling has also been observed," he said, stressing better coordination among drug enforcement and intelligence agencies to tackle the "borderless crime".

Mr. Shah said the Union Home Ministry has resolved to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a "drug-free India" and a "zero tolerance policy" has been adopted to thwart every attempt of drug traffickers and "organised mafia" to dent India's economy and national security.

He lauded the enforcement agencies for destroying more than 1.5 lakh kg of drugs during the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* phase, which was more than double the target of 75,000 kg set by the government.

"The main objective of this regional conference is to convey the Centre's seriousness about this issue to the northeastern States. Also, we have to bring the States together in this fight and the agencies related to narcotics on one platform, giving a message at the national level that the country has made up its mind to go to the root of this problem and solve it," Mr. Shah said.

"We have to go beyond catching the faces like drug abusers and distributors and try to nab the masterminds who send drugs from outside the border to India. Along with this, the spread of drug network within the country will have to be demolished. Our prime focus should be on preventing network and cross-border smuggling," he said.

Prior to inaugurating the conference of Assam's Superintendents of Police, Mr. Shah chaired the 70th plenary session of the North Eastern Council, where the focus was on connectivity and resolution of inter-State boundary disputes.

NIA files case against two CPI(Maoist) members

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NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against two persons accused of being members of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist)

The accused have been identified as Vijay Kumar Arya and Umesh Chaudhary, both residents of Bihar.

They were earlier arrested by the local police, which had allegedly seized from them "levy" receipts and electronic devices containing incriminating material. Subsequently, a case was registered at the Rohtas police station. Various provisions of the UAPA were invoked.

Investigations revealed that Vijay was a central committee member of the proscribed outfit, the NIA said. The two had been motivating others to join the CPI(Maoist). " Umesh Chaudhary had provided shelter to Arya at his house in Rohtas," said the agency.

On the draw

Nitish Kumar has become delusional and politically isolated, says Kishor

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Reaching out: Prashant Kishor interacting with ASHA and JEEVika volunteers in West Champaran district of Bihar. PTI

A day after Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar claimed that poll strategist Prashant Kishor has been working for the BJP in Bihar and had once asked him to merge the Janata Dal(U) with the Congress, Mr. Kishor on Sunday retorted that Mr. Kumar had become "delusional and politically isolated" as age had been showing its impact on him.

Mr. Kishor is currently undertaking a 3,500-km *padyatra* (foot march) across Bihar and has been criss-crossing West Champaran district since October 2.

"Age is gradually showing its impact on Nitish*ji*. He wants to say something but speaks something else. If I'm working on BJP's agenda, why should I advise him to merge his party with the Congress to strengthen it? How could both be correct? He is getting delusional and nervous and becoming politically isolated. He is, these days, surrounded by those whom he himself can't trust," Mr. Kishor said in a video release from a village in Champaran district.

On Saturday, Mr. Kumar said that Mr. Kishor recently had been working in Bihar on the BJP's agenda and speaking against him and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav. "He speaks something to appease them [BJP] to get something at the Centre," he said.

"Four or five years ago, he [Mr. Kishor] had advised me to merge my party with the Congress," said Mr. Kumar while speaking to mediapersons on Saturday. Asked about his recent meeting with the poll strategist, Mr. Kumar added, "*hum nahi bulaye the, apne aaya tha* (I did not call him, he himself had come)".

Mr. Kishor, though, had said earlier that the Chief Minister had invited him at his official residence.

Mr. Kishor had joined the JD(U) as national vice-president in 2018 and Mr. Kumar had introduced him before mediapersons as "future of Bihar". However, later, he was expelled from the party over issues of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens.

Recently, he asked a group of women to become a "little selfish" while exercising their franchise next time. "You vote on caste line or something else and Lalu's ninth pass son (Tejashwi Yadav) becomes Chief Minister and Dy CM but your son is forced to migrate outside the State to earn ₹15,000-20,000 a month. An MLA's son becomes an MLA. So think about your son as well while voting next time," Mr. Kishor said.

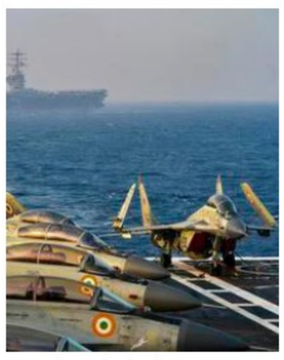
Indian Navy to join Malabar exercise and International Fleet Review in Japan in Nov.

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Japan will host the 2022 edition of the Malabar naval exercise consisting of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S. in the second week of November, according to official sources. The Indian Navy will also participate in the International Fleet Review (IFR) being hosted in the first week of November to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), an official source said.

This is the latest in a series of bilateral and multilateral exercises in which the Indian armed forces have taken part recently. In October-end, the India-U.S. bilateral Army exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' is scheduled to take place in the high-altitude areas of Uttarakhand, around 100 km (aerial distance) from the Line of Actual Control.

"The initial and final planning conferences for Malabar have been completed. The exercise is scheduled to be held from November 8 to 18," a second official source said. While the Navy has not yet given details of its participation, two frontline warships and a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) are likely to be deployed, it has been learnt.



Exercise Malabar in 2020

Australia is keen to host the exercise, but that has not yet been accepted by the partner countries, two official sources stated. Australia was included as a regular member in Ex Malabar in 2020.

The IFR to be held in the first week of November is being conducted during the 18th Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS) 'strategic discussion' and 'plenary session' being hosted by Japan from November 5 to 10, according to a statement by the Royal Brunei Navy. However, it is not yet clear if India would be taking part in the WPNS. A decision from the Defence Ministry is awaited, said a defence source in the middle of last week.

India is currently hosting the multilateral anti-terror exercise 'Manesar Anti-terror 2022' under the ambit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure scheduled from October 8 to 13.

At the same time, Australia's flagship regional engagement activities, Indo-Pacific Endeavour, is currently under way.

Rajasthan rebellion shows Gandhis' diminishing clout

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The recent episode of Rajasthan Congress MLAs rebelling in favour of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has exposed a contradiction that the party has been grappling with for some time now. The party, it is argued, needs powerful regional leaders in States to turn things around and win elections. But strong regional satraps don't necessarily follow the diktats of passing a "one-line" resolution to empower the Congress president and the high command to take decisions for them.

In Rajasthan, the refusal of the MLAs, loyal to Mr. Gehlot, to endorse the high command's choice of Sachin Pilot as a chief ministerial candidate changed the course of the Congress president's elections. While it forced Mr. Gehlot to drop out of the presidential race, it prompted party veteran Mallikarjun Kharge to join the race.

Though there is speculation that Rajasthan may see a change of guard post October 19, when the Congress gets a new president, there is still a question mark on whether the high command can enforce its writ over the MLAs, the majority of whom continue to back Mr. Gehlot.

"The tussle in Rajasthan is a reflection of the transition of power in the Congress party and the Gandhi family as the decision making is moving from Sonia Gandhi to Rahul Gandhi. These fights will continue until such time when the leadership issue finally settles down," said Naresh Dadhich, Professor of Political Science, who retired as the Vice-Chancellor of Kota Open University

Proving his mettle: Ashok Gehlot interacting with public during the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games in Bikaner. PTI

Over the past one year, be it Chhattisgarh or Haryana, regional leaders have either asserted themselves or ignored suggestions from the high command. Chhattisgarh Minister T. S. Singhdeo reminded the high command several times of a 2018 agreement, according to which the post of Chief Minister was meant to be rotated between him and Bhupesh Baghel. However, with a majority of the MLAs backing Mr. Baghel openly, the high command has been unable to deliver on the rotational formula.

The top leadership has also been wary about pushing through its decisions after the botched-up experiment in Punjab to unseat Captain Amarinder Singh (retd) and replace him with Dalit leader Charanjit Singh Channi. The Punjab rout further led to the erosion of political capital of the leadership, especially the Gandhi family.

The recent Rajya Sabha elections too saw the diminishing clout of the high command as Ajay Maken failed to win the polls. This was despite the fact that Bhupinder Singh Hooda had assured the leadership of a victory.

Will these instances force a non-Gandhi to adopt a more collective approach to leadership? Both the contenders, Mr. Kharge and Mr. Tharoor, have already talked about a more consultative process of decision-making.

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BJP MP calls for 'total boycott' of community

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NEW DELHI

Parvesh Verma, BJP MP, called for 'total boycott' of people from a community during the 'Hindu Mahasabha' event organised by the VHP in Delhi on Sunday.

He said, "You don't have to buy vegetables from their stalls. They sell non-veg. We should ask the civic body to shut their shops. Boycott their restaurants."

APPEAL

Rayini Sri is 4 years old girl child suffering from B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Her family is extremely poor and cannot afford the huge expenditure of **Rs.8,00,000/-** to undergo Chemotherapy for 1 year at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. She needs your blessings and support. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C No.60182010063310, IFSC No. CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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Modi begins three-day Gujarat visit, to launch projects ahead of election

Declaring Modhera the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village, he says people could now also earn money by selling the additional power to State utilities; raises Sun Temple's tumultuous past

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AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while declaring Modhera village in Gujarat India's first 24x7 solar-powered village, spoke about how invaders in the past tried their best to raze the historic Sun Temple in Modhera and the atrocities they committed on the people of the region.

"What had they (invaders) not done to raze the temple? What atrocities were not inflicted by the invaders on the people of Modhera," he said, adding "the same Modhera and this temple today has shown the way by becoming the first solar-powered village in the country."

The Sun Temple in Modhera, 70 km from Ahmedabad, is a relic of stone masonry built during the Solanki Empire in Gujarat. The temple was attacked and invaded twice, first by Mahmud of Ghazni during his raid of Gujarat and then by Alauddin Khilji.

Poll plan: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel in Modhera village of Gujarat on Sunday. PTI

The Prime Minister's reminder about the temple's past comes a day after the ruling BJP flayed its rival, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, painting him as anti-Hindu ahead of the Assembly election in the State.

Speaking about solar power generation atop the roofs of offices and residences in Modhera, the Prime Minister pointed out that not only is the power so generated free, people can also earn money by selling the additional power to State utilities.

The Prime Minister also talked about infrastructure development in Ambaji, Somnath and other places, and said that all of them now attract tourists from across the country.

The Prime Minister is in Gujarat on a three-day visit to launch new projects and inaugurate a few completed projects ahead of the announcement of the poll schedule for the State Assembly election.

He will visit Jamnagar, Jambusar and Rajkot, besides Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, for various political and State government events.

Lalu Prasad pitches for Opposition unity at RJD national meet

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Internal differences within the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) came to the fore at a meeting of its national executive held in Delhi on Sunday, with the party's Bihar unit president, Jagadanand Singh, giving it a miss and party founder Lalu Prasad's elder son Tej Pratap Yadav storming out in a huff alleging that the leadership had been sidelining him.

The national executive endorsed Mr. Prasad's re-election as the national president for the 12th time.

In the meeting, Mr. Prasad, who leaves for Singapore on Monday for a kidney transplant, spoke at length on the future road map for the party, countering the RSS and the BJP agenda at the village level and bringing all Opposition parties together on a central platform to counter Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "personality-centric" politics.

Addressing a press conference at the end of the meeting, national spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member Manoj K. Jha said Mr. Prasad's speech focused on the recent change in government in Bihar and how it had paved the way for greater Opposition unity across the country.

"He pointed out that the change in Bihar is not an ordinary one. We have come together putting aside differences and ego. This has to be replicated in the whole country," Mr. Jha said.

Mr. Prasad also reportedly emphasised the party's own struggle for social justice. He exhorted the RJD cadre to hold small corner meetings in every village, to counter the RSS-BJP's divisive propaganda. He wanted the RJD leaders to ignite debates in every village on "real issues" such as inflation and unemployment.

RJD chief Lalu Prasad with leader Tejashwi Yadav during the meeting in New Delhi. PTI

Asked if any names were discussed to lead the Opposition in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, Mr. Jha said Mr. Modi should be countered by "*mudda*", or issues, and not with another personality cult. "Should the alternative to Narendra Modi be a bigger Narendra Modi or should it be collectivity?" he asked.

Towards the end of the meeting, an agitated Mr. Tej Pratap said he wanted to speak about the organisation and took over the microphone. He reportedly complained that when he called party general secretary Shyam Rajak on Saturday to ask about the timing of Sunday's meeting, Mr. Rajak abused him over phone. Mr. Tej Pratap then walked out.

RJD's Bihar unit chief Jagdanand Singh was conspicuous by his absence.

Last week, his son and Bihar's Agriculture Minister, Sudhakar Singh, had resigned after criticising his own government and department, alleging widespread corruption. He also accused Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar of continuing to work on the BJP agenda.

Asked about Mr. Jagdanand's absence, Mr. Jha said, "He [Mr. Jagdanand] may not have come due to certain reasons. I can give it to you in writing that he was with us, is with us, and will remain with us."

INBRIEF

EC freezing Sena symbol won't weaken MVA alliance: Pawar

A day after the Election Commission froze the use of the Shiv Sena's bow and arrow symbol amid the ongoing struggle between the rival Sena factions led by Uddhav Thackeray and Eknath Shinde, Mr. Thackeray's ally, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar, said he was not surprised by the move and stressed that it would neither weaken the Thackeray faction nor have any impact on the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance. Mr. Pawar further said that the symbol did not really matter in the long run as it was ultimately the people who decided on the mandate.

Centre to kick off 2023-24 Budget-making exercise today

The government on Monday will kick off its annual Budget making exercise for the financial year 2023-24, which is expected to look at measures to revive growth amid a gloomy global outlook. The meeting would start with consultations with Ministries and departments on the revised estimates of expenditure for the ongoing financial year and the fund requirement for 2023-24. It will be the fifth Budget of the Narendra Modi 2.0 government and the last full Budget before the Lok Sabha election due in April-May 2024. The Budget 2023-24 is likely to be presented on February 1, during the first half of Parliament's Budget session. PTI

Rajasthan Congress leader Bhanwar Lal Sharma dead

Bhanwar Lal Sharma, 77, veteran Congress leader and seven-time MLA for Sardarshahar in Churu district of Rajasthan, died here on Sunday after a prolonged illness. He was being treated for multiple infections at a hospital in Jaipur. Mr. Sharma was among the 18 MLAs who had joined the rebel faction led by the then Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot in July 2020. His name had emerged during the crisis when some audio tapes containing conversations allegedly about toppling the Congress government were leaked. Rajasthan Govenor Kalraj Mishra, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Pradesh Congress Committee president Govind Singh Dotasra and Leader of the Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria have condoled Mr. Sharma's death.

Uddhav faction submits alternative symbols and party names to EC

The Hindu Bureau
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Amid factional struggle, the EC froze the use of the Sena's bow-and-arrow symbol

A day after the Election Commission (EC) froze the use of the Shiv Sena's bow-and-arrow symbol amid the bitter factional struggle between the rival groups led by Uddhav Thackeray and Eknath Shinde, Mr. Uddhav on Sunday said the decision was "unexpected" and "an injustice".

Taking to Facebook, Mr. Thackeray said that his faction had submitted three alternative symbols and party names, while urging the EC to swiftly grant his group an interim party symbol and name before the upcoming Andheri East Assembly byelection.

The Thackeray faction has submitted three alternative party names to the poll body: 'Shiv Sena Balasaheb Thackeray', 'Shiv Sena Balasaheb Prabhodankar (Uddhav's grandfather) Thackeray' and the 'Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray.' It has also suggested a *trishul* (trident), a *mashaal* (torch) and the 'rising sun' to the EC as alternatives for a new party symbol, Mr. Uddhav said.

Lashing out at the Shinde-led Sena faction and the ruling BJP, he warned that the latter would discard the Shinde group once it had served its purpose.

Challenging the Shinde group's use of his father's name in their faction's new name, Mr. Uddhav said: "I dare you to come before the public by not using Balasaheb's name. Today, you still need the Shiv Sena and Bal Thackeray, but not his son [Uddhav]."

Without Valmiki, world would not have known Lord Ram: RSS chief

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Without Valmiki, the world would not have known Ram, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said during a Valmiki Jayanti programme in Kanpur on Sunday.

As part of the Sangh's strategic outreach to Dalits under its social inclusion programme, Mr. Bhagwat said the RSS was with all those who worshipped and preached the works of Valmiki. "*Poori takat se aapke sath khade rahenge* (we will stand with you steadfastly)," he added. Addressing the public gathering, the RSS chief urged the audience – mostly from the SC community – to keep friendship with Swayamsevaks, attend 'Shakha' and have continuous dialogue with the Sangh.

"If we remain united and work together for the uplift of the nation, there will be a day when Valmiki Jayanti will be celebrated internationally and this occasion will get place in world organisations," said Mr. Bhagwat.

Clear message

Mr. Bhagwat's speech was a clear message for the community that the RSS considers all of them Hindu. His annual 'Vijayadasami' speech also had a special message that 'temple-water-cremation' should be same for all and people should stop fighting on "who will ride horses in weddings". Days after Vijayadasami, the RSS chief in an event in Nagpur said 'varna and caste' were things of past.

Jagat Mohan, who has been working with the RSS's '*samajik samrasta*' (social inclusion) programme for over a decade, maintained that the Sangh's outreach to the SC community or with any other community was nothing new.

"The Sangh has always been in touch with different communities. It's just that in today's social media world, things reach people in a different way. But the RSS has a very clear stand on issues such as untouchability and caste prejudice. We believe all this must stop," he said.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER

No.399/DCE/S1/2022-23 Puducherry, dated the 10th October 2022

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Chairman, JAC Delhi 2022

INBRIEF

Cong. calls for sacking Punjab Minister, to hold protest today

To step up pressure on the AAP government for the dismissal of Cabinet Minister Fauja Singh Sarari, Punjab's main Opposition party, the Congress, has decided to stage demonstrations across the State on Monday. Mr. Sarari, the Food Processing and Horticulture Minister, had come under a cloud last month after an audio clip of a conversation allegedly between him and his close aide surfaced in which they purportedly discuss a plan to extort money from officials and transporters. Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said the party was all set to step up its agitation against continuance of Mr. Sarari in the Cabinet.

Mulayam's condition 'quite critical', says hospital bulletin

Samajwadi Party (SP) founder Mulayam Singh continues to be in a critical condition and is on life-saving drugs in the intensive care unit, Medanta Hospital in Gurugram said on Sunday. "Mulayam Singh Yadav ji's condition is quite critical today and he is on life-saving drugs. He is being treated in the ICU of Medanta Hospital, Gurugram, by a comprehensive team of specialists," the hospital said in a health bulletin. Mr. Singh, 82, was shifted to the intensive care unit on October 2. PTI

Muslim population declining, Owaisi counters RSS chief

Reacting to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's fears at a Dasara celebration about a population imbalance in the country, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi said in Hyderabad on Sunday that the National Family Health Survey 5 showed that the lion's share of the drop in the total fertility rate to 2% was of Muslims. The spacing between children was the highest among Muslims because of the use of contraceptives. He condemned the survey of madrasas in Uttar Pradesh, saying they were targeted by the State government, though the institutions produced only imams, muezzins and muftis to give Islamic education.

Never forget duties towards motherland: President

President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday advised graduating students of Punjab Engineering College (PEC) in Chandigarh to never forget their duties towards the motherland, whatever they chose to become in their life. She was attending the 52nd convocation and closing ceremony of the centenary year celebrations of the college. Addressing the graduating students, the President said that as they were entering into a world of unlimited opportunities and possibilities, she had no doubt that they were capable of converting opportunities into success and possibilities into certainties. She urged the students to keep Mahatma Gandhi's message of 'Sarvodaya' in their individual priorities.

'UN peacekeepers need 'robust' mandates, to be able to go after the armed groups'

Troop- and police-contributing countries need to be very much in the loop and involved in the process of making decisions on peacekeeping, and we have been making a lot of efforts to improve the geographical diversity of nations providing the forces, says UN Peacekeeping chief

INTERVIEW

Jean-Pierre Lacroix

Suhasini Haidar

A spate of attacks on United Nations Peacekeepers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) amid anti-UN protests in the past few weeks has left two BSF jawans dead. The issues of growing fatalities and the lack of clear mandates for the 'blue helmets' were at the top of the agenda as UN Peacekeeping chief **Jean-Pierre Lacroix** held a meeting in Delhi last week as part of a tour to India, Pakistan, the UAE and Japan. Mr. Lacroix says soldiers need a more 'robust' or proactive mandate, better equipment to deal with deteriorating conditions in countries where UN Peacekeepers are posted.

UN Peacekeeping fatalities due to malicious acts (not illness or accidents) that were once on the decline, are rising – from 13 in 2020 to 25 in 2021 and this year as many as 26 till August. What do you attribute the sudden increase to?
Many of our peacekeeping operations are in an environment that is deteriorating, both from the point of view of the political environment, but also the security environment. And I think that is because the political efforts to solve conflict are not moving forward in most of these situations, and the threats against our peacekeepers, against the population we are protecting are increasing. In many of our operations, particularly the big operations in Africa, we are facing groups that are either terrorist groups or criminal groups and they are not interested in peace, they are not interested in stability, they are interested in chaos.

One of the criticisms in New Delhi, which has lost 179 peacekeepers over the past 60 years, is that they do not get enough of a say in the kind of missions that the UN Peacekeepers take part in. Is there an imbalance between those deciding the mandate of missions, and those who are actually contributing the soldiers?
Well, I think there has to be a geographical balance in our peacekeeping operations and indeed, we are trying to get as much of a variety of countries contributing to peacekeeping as possible. I do agree that troop- and police-contributing countries need to be involved in the process of making decisions.

India has complained that the mandate is for UN peacekeeping, but when soldiers actually go to the ground, it quickly becomes a mandate for peace enforcing, something they are not actually prepared for...
I totally understand the concerns, especially when it comes to the number of fatalities in peacekeeping. However, we have been making a lot of efforts to improve the geographical diversity of our troop- and police-contributing countries. We all need to sort of step up our efforts to make sure that our peacekeepers are better equipped, trained and prepared. Peacekeeping has its limitations. It's not war. It's not peace enforcement. But we have mandates to protect civilians, and we have to have "robust" mandates, which require our peacekeepers to be proactive and to be able to go after all these armed groups.

India has proposed a 10-point plan, including making those targeting UN peacekeepers more accountable.
The initiative by India is absolutely critical, because I think it was the first time that the issue of impunity and accountability was raised as a priority within the Security Council. Crimes against peacekeepers can constitute war crimes. Eventually, with sustained efforts and determination, I think we can eventually achieve accountability. So it's important to stay the course, however frustrating that can be.

Is the UN considering India's suggestion to build a memorial wall to honour peacekeepers?
This is a welcome initiative by India. There could be an initiative at this current General Assembly that would accelerate things and we would be definitely be supportive because it is only fair that all these peacekeepers who have lost their lives under a blue flag should be remembered and honoured.

Disparity among States in facilities for eye donation

RTI data show that no cornea was collected in some States in 2021-22; Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh fare better; nearly 4.8 million are visually challenged in India

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Despite the Union government's emphasis on increasing the number of eye donations across the country, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, some northeastern States, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep recorded zero cornea collection in 2021-22, according to RTI data. The data from 2016 point to the fact that these States and Union Territories have been consistently performing poorly.

Topping the list for cornea collection is Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. According to the National Blindness Survey from 2015 to 2019, nearly 4.8 million people are visually challenged in India with corneal blindness the second common type accounting for 7.4% of the cases.

The Health Ministry, in its response to the RTI Act query submitted by social activist Chandra Shekhar Gaur, said some States and Union Territories had no functional eye banks as on July 2021. Some had a robust cornea donation and transplant system and had a better network of eye banks, as in the case of Uttar Pradesh (41), Karnataka (32), Gujarat (25), Andhra Pradesh (19) and Tamil Nadu (20). The total number of cornea transplants fell from 30,740 in 2016-17 and 24,783 in 2021-22 to a low 11,859 during the pandemic.

Mission for vision: Lack of awareness, myths and inadequate eye banking facilities have been affecting eye donations. V. RAJU

Senior Health Ministry officials admitted that the constraints in achieving the targets for donated eyes and cornea collection in the country included lack of awareness, myths surrounding eye donation and inadequate eye banking facilities.

Data reported by the States and Union Territories under the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment say that on an average, 40-50% of the donated eyes/corneas were utilised for corneal transplantation annually.

Not all the collected corneas were found suitable for corneal transplantation because of various medical reasons such as poor quality due to age of the donor, pre-existing degeneration and diseases.

The Ministry maintained that corrective steps had been initiated to improve the utilisation rate of donated corneas, which included recurring grant to eye banks for transportation, storage and collection of donated corneas and non-recurring grant to eye banks in the public sector to meet the cost of ophthalmic equipment, providing free supply of cornea preservation and storage medium to government eye banks and giving in-service training to eye surgeons.

Opposition criticises Mann for skipping President's reception

Governor had flayed the CM for not attending the civic reception for Droupadi Murmu

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

A day after Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit criticised Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for not attending the civic reception he had hosted for President Droupadi Murmu here, the Opposition parties on Sunday took a dig at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and its leaders.

Mr. Purohit had taken exception to Mr. Mann's absence, saying, "It was important to fulfil one's constitutional responsibility." Following this, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora reacted sharply, terming the remark "uncalled for", and urged the Governor "to restrain from making such statements in the future".

Mr. Mann was in Gujarat with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal drumming up support for the AAP ahead of the Assembly election.

Mr. Arora said Mr. Mann's event had been scheduled earlier and the Chief Minister had deputed him to welcome President Droupadi Murmu. "I, along with seven other Cabinet Ministers and all senior bureaucrats, attended the event to celebrate Air Force Day. However, the Governor made this unfortunate remarks against the CM," he said in a statement.

Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa, who is the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, said the AAP government was inherently anarchist since it did not even respect the highest constitutional chair.

"Not only the Governor but the entire Opposition condemned Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for not rendering his 'constitutional obligations'," he said.

Terming the Chief Minister's absence as 'unfortunate', BJP State president Ashwani Sharma said Mr. Mann's absence showed a irresponsibility towards constitutional duties.

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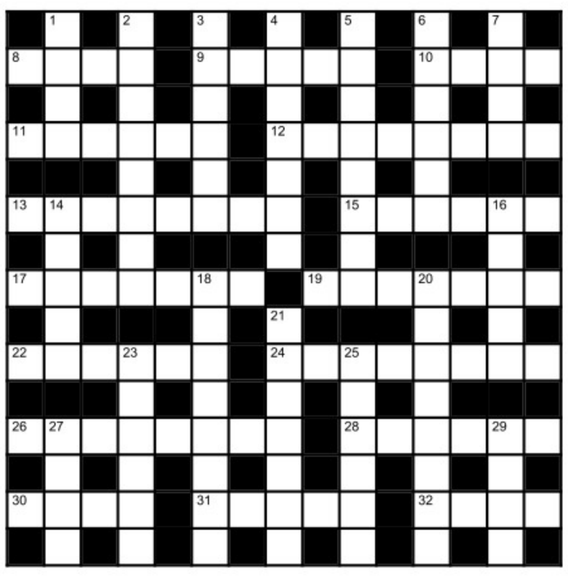

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8 Insect from operation theatre in mobile hospital (4)
9 Father is initially assiduous... gets a part of a rupee (5)
10 Average king's garden (4)
11 Unfortunately, an Egyptian spirit's state (6)
12 Yank article held by travelling Crimean (8)
13 Type of current matters in narratives (8)
15 Four score twenty less than hundred (6)
17 Blind street dog ain't confused (7)
19 Please girl and boy at hideout (7)
22 Augment pub fee in new order (4,2)
24 Old writing instrument with initially super expensive styli costs (8)
26 Come! Nero is dancing again (4,4)
28 Roman god took seat on vessel (6)
30 Powder used in continental cuisine (4)
31 Using solvent, wash out electronic musical instrument (5)
32 Inquisitive son returns with Yankee (4)

Down

1 Heard birds may produce this kind of smell... (4)
2 Discontinue shape (5,3)
3 Beginning to rain in country? Might result in this kind of injury (6)
4 Painter's small picture on animal love (7)
5 Goodbye! We're travelling during autumn in America (8)
6 New sprig bursts out in season (6)
7 Soldiers leaving country for a song (4)
14 Charlie gets impolite and vulgar (5)
16 Leading members of the higher education ministry endorsed topic (5)
18 Perhaps, goblin roams and makes better (8)
20 Gang lord with a container good for giving away (8)
21 Taxation is about location (7)
23 Run church swindle (6)
25 Succeeds in exam and gets admission authorisations (6)
27 Biblical character having small number about him in the beginning (4)
29 Reckless in Maharashtra (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Kausalya's grief

When Rama goes to meet His mother Kausalya to take leave of her before going to the forest, Kausalya faints on hearing the news. Kausalya's words to Rama are among the most moving in the Ramayana, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar in a discourse.

Kausalya cries and says that a childless woman grieves that she has no children to call her own. But worse is the grief of a mother like Kausalya who has been the recipient of such bad news. She says that although her husband is the king, she has not received any special privileges. All she has known are harsh words. She has been ill-treated by the other royal women. All this has happened even while Rama has been in Ayodhya. What will happen to her, if He departs for the forest? Dasaratha has given Kaikeyi importance and has treated Kausalya as inferior to Kaikeyi.

Once Rama leaves, even Kausalya's servants will move over to Kaikeyi's camp and will ignore Kausalya. Kaikeyi is ill-tempered, and Kausalya has been at the receiving end, facing Kaikeyi's insults. Kausalya has borne all this ill-treatment by her husband and by Kaikeyi in the hope that one day when Rama becomes king, she (Kausalya) will get the respect that she deserves. Ever since Rama's sacred thread ceremony, she has waited for the day of His coronation, but now that is not to be. How is she to bear this blow? She has observed many vratas for Rama's sake, for His welfare. But all of her efforts seem to have been in vain, if this is going to be the result. Her prayers have become like seeds sown in infertile soil, where they will never sprout.

SAO PAULO

Judge bans Lula advertisement linking Bolsonaro to cannibalism

Brazil's presidential candidate for the leftist Workers Party Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva greeting a supporter during a campaign rally in Campinas, Sao Paulo state, on Saturday. A judge in Brazil has barred the campaign of Mr. Lula from running an advertisement linking incumbent Jair Bolsonaro to cannibalism. AFP

SAN ANDRES

Hurricane Julia slams Nicaragua, menaces Central America

People walking past a damaged house in the aftermath of Hurricane Julia in San Andres island, Colombia, on Sunday. Julia raked across Nicaragua on Sunday, lashing the country with winds and heavy rain and bringing potentially life-threatening flash flooding and mudslips to much of Central America. AP

SEOUL

North Korea fires more missiles, seventh launch in two weeks

People watching a news broadcast showing file footage of a North Korean missile test, at a railway station in Seoul on Sunday. North Korea fired two ballistic missiles into the sea early on Sunday, South Korea said, the seventh such launch in two weeks, just hours after a U.S. carrier concluded joint drills off the Korean peninsula. AFP

MELBOURNE

Climate activists glue hands to cover of Picasso painting

Climate activists with their hands glued to the perspex covering of Picasso's anti-war painting *Massacre in Korea* at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne. The protesters were removed more than an hour after their action was believed to have started, the police said on Sunday. The painting emerged unscathed. AFP

China's Communist Party holds meet to set agenda for upcoming congress

The more than 300 members of the outgoing 19th Central Committee convened for an annual plenary session to approve the policies and draft amendments to the CPC's Constitution

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's Communist Party leadership on Sunday gathered for a final key meeting to set the agenda for its upcoming twice-a-decade party congress, which is set to usher sweeping changes in personnel as President Xi Jinping begins an unprecedented third term.

The more than 300 members of the outgoing 19th Central Committee – many of whom will retire at the 20th party congress which begins on October 16 - convened for an annual plenary session called the Seventh Plenum, to approve the policies and draft amendments to the CPC's Constitution which will be formally unveiled at the week-long congress.

At the congress, Mr. Xi is expected to outline the CPC's policies for the next five years.

The party will also amend its Constitution, as well as choose its next Politburo and Central Committee.

At Sunday's plenum, Mr. Xi "delivered explanatory remarks" on the draft report he is likely to present at the congress, while Politburo Standing Committee member Wang Huning explained the draft constitutional amendments, the official Xinhua news agency said.

In control: An image of China's President Xi Jinping is seen at an exhibition about the history of the Communist Party of China at Red Building of Peking University in Beijing. AFP

At the previous congress in 2017, the Constitution was amended to add Mr. Xi's ideology, officially called "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era", elevating him on a par with Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping as the only leaders with eponymous ideologies in the Constitution. Only Mao and Mr. Xi were given those honours while in office.

Core status

New amendments may further formalise Mr. Xi's status as a "core" of the party leadership. Recent state media reports have called on the party to uphold what it calls "two establishes" – enshrining Mr. Xi's "core status" and his ideology as a leading priority for the party. This will mean even greater control for Mr. Xi in the coming five years.

The congress will "take stock of the party's work over the past five years, as well as major achievements and valuable experience of the CPC Central Committee with comrade Xi Jinping at its core", the Xinhua news agency reported, and also "thoroughly review the international and domestic situations" and "formulate action plans and major policies".

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What the Communist Party congress means for China
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Crimea bridge blast 'act of terrorism' by Ukraine, says Russia's President Putin

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday blamed Ukrainian secret services for the huge blast a day earlier that ripped through Russia's Crimea bridge, which he described as a "terrorist act".

"The authors, perpetrators and sponsors are the Ukrainian secret services," Mr. Putin said during a meeting with the chairman of Russia's Investigative Committee, Alexander Bastrykin, according to a video shared by the Kremlin.

"There's no doubt it was a terrorist act directed at the destruction of critically important civilian infrastructure," Mr. Putin said.

Mr. Bastrykin said he had opened a criminal case into the act of terrorism. He said Ukrainian special services and citizens of Russia and other countries took part in the act.

"We have already established the route of the truck" that Russian authorities have said set off a bomb and explosion on the bridge, he said. Mr. Bastrykin said the truck had been to Bulgaria, Georgia, Armenia, North Ossetia, Krasnodar (a region in southern Russia) and other places.

(With AP inputs)

Deadly strike: A residential building that was heavily damaged in a Russian missile strike in Zaporizhzhia on Sunday. REUTERS

Russian missiles kill 12 in Zaporizhzhia city

Associated Press
ZAPORIZHZHIA

A Russian missile barrage that crumbled apartment buildings and houses in Ukraine's city of Zaporizhzhia killed at least dozen people, Ukrainian officials said on Sunday as Moscow strained to enforce its takeover of illegally annexed territory.

The blasts that collapsed at least one high-rise residential building and blew out the windows of others came from six missiles launched in the Russian-occupied areas of the Zaporizhzhia region, the Ukrainian Air Force said. The region is one of four Russia claimed as its own this month, but the regional capital remains under Ukrainian control.

In the immediate aftermath of the strikes, the city council said 17 were killed but later revised that down to 12. Regional police reported on Sunday that 13 had been killed and more than 60 wounded, at least 10 of whom were children.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote in a Telegram post, "Absolute meanness. Absolute evil... From the one who gave this order, to everyone who carried out this order: they will answer. They must. Before the law and the people," he added.

19 children killed in Iran protests, say rights groups

Reuters
DUBAI

Protests ignited by the death of a young woman in police custody continued across Iran on Sunday in defiance of a crackdown by the authorities, as a human rights group said at least 185 people, including children, had been killed in demonstrations.

Anti-government protests that began on September 17 at the funeral of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in her Kurdish town of Saqez, have turned into the biggest challenge to Iran's clerical leaders in years, with protesters calling for the downfall of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"At least 185 people, including at least 19 children, have been killed in the nationwide protests across Iran. The highest number of killings occurred in Sistan and Baluchistan province with half the recorded number," the Norway-based Iran Human Rights said on Saturday.

Videos shared on social media showed protests in dozens of cities across Iran early on Sunday with hundreds of high school girls and university students participating despite the use of tear gas, clubs, and in many cases live ammunition by the security forces, rights groups said. Officials denied that live bullets have been used.

Independence vote is key regardless of court ruling: Scottish leader

Associated Press
LONDON

Scottish voters rejected independence by a margin of 55% to 45% in a 2014 referendum

The leader of the Scottish government said on Sunday that she will push on with her campaign to take Scotland out of the United Kingdom, even if she loses a Supreme Court case seeking authorisation to call a new independence referendum.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon wants to hold a referendum in October 2023, but the Conservative U.K. government in London has said no. Britain's top court is due to hear arguments starting on Tuesday on whether Scotland's semi-autonomous administration can organise an independence vote without the London government's consent.

Ms. Sturgeon, who leads the Scottish National Party, said that if her Edinburgh-based government loses the court case, she will make the next U.K. national election a *de facto* plebiscite on ending Scotland's three-century-old union with England. She did not give details of how that would work. A vote held without the approval of the U.K. government would not be legally binding.

Ms. Sturgeon said that if the courts blocked a referendum, "we put our case to people in an election or we give up on Scottish democracy." "It should be a last resort," she said. "I don't want to be in that position. I want to have a lawful referendum."

Scotland and England have been politically united since 1707. Scotland has had its own Parliament and government since 1999 and makes its own policies on public health, education and other matters. Scottish voters rejected independence by a margin of 55% to 45% in a 2014 referendum.

Festival of lights

Seeking blessings: Buddhist devotees and monks praying at the Shwedagon pagoda during the full moon day of Thadingyut, the lighting festival to mark the end of Buddhist Lent, on Sunday in Yangon, Myanmar. The Thadingyut festival is held at the end of Buddhist Lent marking the legend of Buddha's descent from heaven after he sermonised the Abhidamma to his mother who was born in heaven. AP

Gambia police begin investigation into cough syrup deaths

Agence France-Presse
BANJUL

The police in the Gambia on Saturday announced they were launching an investigation into the deaths of dozens of children, amid growing concern over imported medicines.

Following the deaths of 66 children, most from acute kidney failure, the police said in a statement they were putting senior officers on the investigation.

India is investigating cough syrups made by a local pharmaceutical company after the World Health Organization said they could be responsible for the deaths.

Profound concern

President Adama Barrow authorised the health authorities "to suspend the license of the suspected... importer" involved in the case, his office said on Saturday evening.

The Foreign Ministry was to communicate "his government's most profound concern" to the Indian Embassy, it added.

Conservative leaders urge party to back under-fire Truss

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Four Ministers in Liz Truss's government on Sunday urged Conservative colleagues to back the embattled U.K. Prime Minister following a punishing week that exposed deep divisions within the party.

Interior Minister Suella Braverman, former Finance Minister Nadhim Zahawi, Commons leader Penny Mordaunt and Environment Minister Ranil Jayawardena all wrote articles for Sunday newspapers warning that they would soon find themselves in the Opposition unless the party united quickly.

Ms. Braverman wrote in *The Sun On Sunday*, "Those working with Labour to undermine our Prime Minister are putting the Conservatives' chance of victory at the next election in real danger.

"So the choice for my colleagues and for us is as party is simple – Back Liz or get (Labour leader) Keir Starmer, hand-in-hand with (SNP leader) Nicola Sturgeon."

Mr. Zahawi wrote in the *Mail On Sunday* that the government had made mistakes unrolling its fiscal policy, which led to a humiliating climbdown over a plan to cut income tax rates for the top earners.

But he said that "now is the time" to rally behind Ms. Truss, again warning that rebels risked ushering in a Labour government "propped up" by the SNP.

ASKUS

Q I am 30 and working in a PSU. My monthly gross salary is approximately ₹90,000 and take home is ₹70,000 per month. I am paying ₹8,000 towards tax per month. I have multiple SIPs totalling ₹40,000 in various funds for my long-term goal and short-term goals including one for tax-saving purpose. I have one term insurance plan with a premium of ₹36,000 per annum which is for five years only. I have NPS which covers 80C + additional ₹50,000. I do not plan to take a home loan for saving tax. My major concern is to do with how I can save tax using other investment options. Kindly advise.
SHASHWATI SINGH

A Under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961, over and above the ELSS mutual fund and life insurance, you may invest in the following: Unit Linked Insurance Policy, Tax Savings FD, Public Provident Fund, and National Savings Certificate.
However, it is to be noted that the overall amount of deduction under Section 80C, read with Section 80CCC, 80CCD (1) and Section 80CCD(2), cannot exceed ₹1.5 lakh per year.
Further, you have mentioned that you have voluntarily invested in NPS, which qualifies for an additional ₹50,000 of deduction.
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(The writer **N. Sree Kanth** *is partner, GSS Associates, Chartered Accountants, Chennai)*

Q I am a 23-year-old private sector employee currently earning ₹23,000 per month. Of this, I am currently investing some money in the Nifty 50 index, PPF and another mutual fund on a monthly basis. Apart from that, I would like to buy insurance policies such as health insurance and life insurance, but I don't have an idea as to where to buy these policies. How do I find the best policies? Is term life insurance the best? Please guide me with answers for these questions.
RAJ KUMAR

A You haven't said anything about your family, dependants or future plans about employment, may be breaking to study, or marriage and family. So, here is a generic checklist you should go through for creating an insurance strategy.
If your employer gives you a hospitalisation insurance scheme, join up.
Your first level of coverage is ensured until you are in this job.
If you see yourself changing jobs every few years, then buy a hospitalisation policy separately to see you through changes, and perhaps breaks, in employment.
Even if this means you have two expenses for the possible two covers, the peace of mind would be worth it.
Your parents are likely to be eligible for coverage under your employer's health policy, so please explore that option. The same goes for your future spouse and children and possibly even parents-in-law.
On the independent hospitalisation policy you buy, you can add your parents and siblings.
You may want to invest in a separate policy for your parents to isolate the higher premium that they will be charged. Please ensure you avail of the income tax relief you get on health insurance premiums.
When you marry, you can add your spouse to your policy, as well as parents-in-law and children.
Buying life insurance depends on current dependants and planning for protecting your future family.
A term policy works best because it is no frills and the premium here is the most efficient for the coverage you get.
For life insurance, the earlier you start the policy, the lower the premium.
You can do your research even through the Internet by browsing the websites of various insurance companies and the regulator. Our MoneyWise page, of course, regularly gives you information on how to buy and maintain insurance.
(The writer **K. Nitya Kalyani** *is a business journalist specialising in insurance & corporate history)*

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Couple goals: Keep your finances in check, always

There will be events that are sudden. There is no way to control them, but families that have a complete picture of their financial situation will be able to deal with them more effectively

Gaurav Mashruwala

On November 8, 2016 at about 4:30 p.m., Anandbhai had withdrawn ₹1.5 lakh in cash from his bank account. The money was needed for his daughter's *arangetram* (or the first solo presentation of a Bharatanatyam performer) on November 10.

After the event, the payment was to be made to all musicians, make-up artistes and others.

The family was way truly excited as their daughter Payal had been working really hard for the last 6 months and, of course, after years of practice.

However, things took a different turn at about 8 p.m. when Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a ban on ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes.

External risk

In the case of Anandbhai, a few musicians had accepted payment by cheque, the make-up artiste was willing to wait for a few days even as the bank manager organised a few notes of smaller denominations for him on the morning of November 10.

This is an example of external event risk. Even after thorough planning, things can go wrong.

Internal risk

Now, let us look at another example of an event that turned the life of a client's family topsy-turvy. Shraddha, her husband Samir and their two sons were a small, happy, middle-class family. Samir had a secure job. Shraddha was a homemaker whose energies were focussed on bringing up Samir (10) and Amit (7). They were living in a distant suburb of Mumbai. With his secure job, Samir had regularly invested in an SIP of a mutual fund; he also had two term plans and a well-diversified investment portfolio. Other aspects of his finances were also well taken care of. The family lived within their means.

One Friday evening, while Samir was returning from Pune after a business meeting, his car met with an accident on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway. He died on the spot. Shraddha and her sons felt completely lost and dejected. It has been seven years since then. Shraddha and her sons have yet to come to terms with Samir's demise. Their finances are now back on track. This is a classic example of internal event risk.

In both the above instances, as a financial planner, I could offer some strategies to minimise the financial turbulence, but let me be honest: at the end of the day, there is something called an 'act of god' or a situation that is beyond our control such as a tsunami or floods.

Spend about 2-3 hours every quarter with your spouse and review your finances together. Discuss your income, expenses, loans and investments during this time

The COVID-19 induced lockdowns were external and irrespective of proper planning, nothing could be done to minimise the impact. Shruti lost her job, Kirit had a pay cut during the lockdown. They had an outstanding home loan; besides, they also had to meet their daughter's higher education expenses.

Fortunately, they had set aside a contingency fund, with which they could manage the situation for some time. However, this may not be possible always.

Many years ago, when there was massive downpour in Mumbai, ATM machines were submerged in water and individuals who needed emergency funds could not access them.

It is important to have a holistic approach in situations like these. Obviously, it is easier said than done.

Over the years, as a practising financial planner, columnist and guest on TV shows, I have recommended regular reviewing of one's financial situation. This exercise should be pursued jointly with the spouse.

Review your finances

Spend about 2-3 hours every quarter on jointly reviewing your finances - only about 8-12 hours in a year. I call it going on a 'financial date'. On these 'financial dates', discuss income, expenses, status of various investments, loans (if any), where and how various financial documents are filed and stored. Regularly update your address with service providers, wherever needed.

Also, if there are any financial goals coming up in the next quarter, plan as to where the funds for these will come from.

There will be events that are sudden. There is no way to control them, but the general experience is that couples who are regularly reviewing their finances and have a complete picture of their financial situation will be able to deal with disturbing events more effectively.

(The writer is a financial planner and author of Yogic Wealth)

Unexpected outcomes

COVERNOTE

Ignoring the law and not having valid third-party liability insurance is indicative of a rule-beating mindset. It is time for a social movement in favour of following the rules

K. Nitya Kalyani

Advice is annoying, but tragedy is bitter and final. Here is a series of recent, highly- disturbing road accidents and related news that should set us thinking on what to do and what not to do – and that includes following the law and rules and heeding advice, including that of getting suitably insured.

A man sues himself for causing the death of his cousin in a road accident when the former was riding his motorcycle with the latter on the pillion.

He had to swerve to avoid a cow on the road and, since he can hardly sue the cow and his cousin's family deserves compensation, he is suing himself to enable the process to take place. A prominent businessman dies in a high-speed car crash, apparently without fastening his seat belt. A teenager doing racing stunts on his motorcycle kills somebody and now he and his father who allowed him to use the bike have to pay the price, literally.

Enforcement of road traffic laws and norms, driving habits, and road-use behaviour are in a sorry state in our country. The legal framework is fine, although anything can be improved, but enforcement is not consistent or even-handed.

It starts with ignoring the helmet rule and arguing with the policeman. It starts with an indulgent or ignorant parent allowing a child to operate one of the 'deadliest weapons' known to man – a motor vehicle. It starts with not having a proper driving licence and intimidating the policeman with that great Indian slogan: "Do you know who I am?"

All these people can become tragic victims. It turns more tragic when others are victims and their lives and/or families are shattered.

Wearing helmets saves lives says a prominent neurosurgeon on public service ads and press interviews. A study says stray cattle on roads is the leading cause of traffic accidents in India. The teenager and his father who now have to pay the death compensation awarded by the court from their pockets apparently did not have third-party liability insurance though it is statutory.

From another angle, the police and courts have been pulling up errant parents for allowing and aiding such rash and illegal behaviour, as much as they have done so with the hormone-driven offspring. Studies have said that as much as 60% of vehicles on Indian roads apparently do not have insurance. Ignoring the law and not having valid third-party liability insurance is indicative of a rule-beating mindset. It is time there is a social movement in favour of following rules. The rules have been put in place to protect us. Many a time, from our own selves.

Bank Fixed Deposit Rates

Bank Name	Interest Rates (%) Highest Slab	1-year Tenure	3-year Tenure	5-year Tenure
Small Finance Banks				
AU Small Finance Bank	6.90	5.35	6.90	6.90
Capital Small Finance Bank	6.60	6.20	6.20	6.20
Equitas Small Finance Bank	7.25	6.75	7.00	6.00
ESAF Small Finance Bank	7.25	5.50	5.75	5.25
Fincare Small Finance Bank	7.50	6.75	7.00	7.00
Jana Small Finance Bank	7.35	7.00	7.25	7.25
Suryoday Small Finance Bank	7.49	7.00	7.00	6.75
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	7.50	7.00	6.50	7.20
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank	7.50	7.15	7.50	7.50
Private Sector Banks				
Axis Bank	6.15	5.45	5.70	5.75
Bandhan Bank	7.00	7.00	7.00	5.60
CSB Bank	7.00	5.00	5.75	5.75
DBS Bank	6.50	5.75	6.25	6.25
DCB Bank	7.10	6.10	7.10	7.00
HDFC Bank	6.10	5.50	5.50	6.10
ICICI Bank	6.10	5.70	5.80	6.10
IDFC First Bank	6.90	5.75	6.50	6.50
IndusInd Bank	6.75	6.25	6.75	6.75
Jammu & Kashmir Bank	6.25	6.25	5.75	6.00
Karnataka Bank	6.40	6.40	5.75	5.75
Karur Vysya Bank	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10
Kotak Mahindra Bank	6.20	6.00	6.10	6.10
Nainital Bank	6.05	5.75	5.60	5.60
RBL Bank	7.25	6.50	6.55	6.55
SBM Bank India	7.25	6.40	6.40	6.15
South Indian Bank	6.40	6.40	5.90	6.00
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	5.75	5.50	5.75	5.75
Public Sector Banks				
Bank of Baroda	6.00	5.50	5.55	5.65
Bank of India	6.05	5.50	6.00	5.75
Bank of Maharashtra	5.50	5.40	5.40	5.40
Canara Bank	6.00	5.50	5.75	5.75
Indian Bank	6.10	5.50	5.75	5.65
Indian Overseas Bank	6.00	5.60	5.85	5.85
Punjab National Bank	6.10	5.50	5.60	5.75
Punjab & Sind Bank	5.80	5.65	5.75	5.75
State Bank of India	6.10	5.45	5.60	5.65
Union Bank of India	6.20	5.35	5.50	5.75
Foreign Banks				
Citibank	6.10	6.10	3.50	3.50
Deutsche Bank	7.00	5.50	6.50	7.00
HSBC Bank	6.00	3.10	4.00	4.00

Home Loan Interest Rates

Name of Lender	Loan Amount (Rs.) Upto 30 lakh	Above 30 lakh & upto 75 lakh	Above 75 lakh
			(In %)
Public Sector Banks			
State Bank of India	8.55-10.05	8.55-9.95	8.55-9.95
Bank of Baroda	8.45-9.95	8.45-9.95	8.45-10.20
Union Bank of India	7.75-9.65	7.75-9.85	7.75-9.85
Punjab National Bank	8.45-9.85	8.40-9.55	8.40-9.50
Bank of India	8.30-10.25	8.30-10.25	8.30-10.25
Canara Bank	8.05-12.85	8.05-12.85	8.05-12.85
UCO Bank	8.40-8.60	8.40-8.60	8.40-8.60
Bank of Maharashtra	8.30-10.20	8.30-10.35	8.30-10.45
Punjab and Sind Bank*	8.25-9.35	8.25-9.35	8.25-9.35
Indian Overseas Bank	8.35-9.85	8.00 onwards	8.00 onwards
Public Sector Banks			
Kotak Mahindra Bank	>=7.99	>=7.99	>=7.99
ICICI Bank	8.60-9.50	8.60-9.50	8.60-9.60
Axis Bank	8.10-13.00	8.10-13.00	8.10-8.55
HSBC Bank	8.35-9.20	8.35-9.20	8.35-9.20
South Indian Bank	9.25-12.00	9.25-12.00	9.25-12.00
Karur Vysya Bank	8.05-10.25	8.05-10.25	8.05-10.25
Karnataka Bank	8.24-9.49	8.24-9.49	8.24-9.59

Name of Lender	Loan Amount (Rs.) Upto 30 lakh	Above 30 lakh & upto 75 lakh	Above 75 lakh
			(In %)
Federal Bank	9.55-9.60	9.60-9.65	9.65-9.70
Dhanlaxmi Bank	8.60-9.75	8.60-9.75	8.60-9.75
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	8.30	8.30	8.30
Bandhan Bank	8.30-14.00	8.30-13.65	8.30-13.65
RBL Bank	11.30-13.00	9.70-10.10	9.70-10.00
CSB Bank	9.69	9.69	9.94
Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)			
LIC Housing Finance	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.20	8.00-10.40
HDFC Ltd.	8.60-10.00	8.85-10.25	8.95-10.35
Bajaj Housing Finance	8.30 onwards	8.30 onwards	8.30 onwards
Tata Capital	>=8.60	>=8.60	>=8.60
PNB Housing Finance	8.50-12.50	8.50-12.50	8.60-11.70
GIC Housing Finance	>=8.10	>=8.10	>=8.10
Repco Home Finance	>=8.10	>=8.10	>=8.10
Indiabulls Housing	>=8.70	>=8.70	>=8.70
Aditya Birla Capital	8.00-13.00	8.00-13.00	8.00-13.00
ICICI Home Finance	>=9.20	>=9.20	>=9.20
Godrej Housing Finance	7.99-10.99	7.94-10.99	7.94-10.99
Home First Finance	8.00-18.00	8.00-18.00	8.00-18.00

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TENNIS

Djokovic beats Tsitsipas, clinches 90th title with Astana triumph

Novak Djokovic claimed the 90th title of his career and the fourth of 2022 with a straight-set victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas in the ATP final in Astana on Sunday. The 35-year-old won 6-3, 6-4 to add to the trophies he won this season in Israel, Rome and Wimbledon. Djokovic guaranteed himself a spot at the ATP Finals this year.

CRICKET

Conway guides New Zealand to Tri-Series win over Bangladesh

Devon Conway's unbeaten 70 helped New Zealand beat Bangladesh by eight wickets in the T20I Tri-Series in Christchurch on Sunday.

The scores: Bangladesh 137/8 in 20 overs (Najmul Hossain Shanto 33, Nurul Hasan 25 n.o.) lost to New Zealand 142/2 in 17.5 overs (Devon Conway 70 n.o., Kane Williamson 30).

ATHLETICS

Chepngetich and Kipruto win Chicago Marathon

Kenyan Ruth Chepngetich defended her Chicago Marathon title in a dominant display on Sunday, breaking the tape in two hours 14 minutes and 18 seconds, as her compatriot Benson Kipruto cruised to victory in the men's race in 2:04:24. Chepngetich ran the second fastest women's marathon of all time.

KABADDI

Warriors prove too hot for Titans; Panthers and Bulls taste victories

Maninder Singh and Deepak Hooda powered Bengal Warriors to a 45-25 win over Telugu Titans in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Sunday. Arjun Deshwal (17 points) helped Jaipur Pink Panthers register a 35-30 victory over Patna Pirates while Bengaluru Bulls pulled off an exciting 41-39 win against Puneri Paltan.

Kishan, Shreyas ace the chase with consummate ease

Men in Blue clinch the second One-Day International to level the series; Siraj picks up three to rein in the South Africans for whom Hendricks and Markram's half-centuries go in vain

Calling the shots: Kishan (93) and Shreyas (113 n.o.) tore into a quality South African attack with some gorgeous strokes. K.R. DEEPAK

SA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
RANCHI

When two talented strokemakers decide to put on a show for a near full-house, there isn't much a fielding side can do.

South Africa was at the receiving end of a spectacular display of batting by Ishan Kishan (93, 84b, 4x4, 7x6) and Shreyas Iyer (113 n.o., 111b, 15x4) at the JSCA Stadium on a pleasant Sunday night. Riding on their 161-run stand for the third wicket, India won the second ODI to level the three-match series.

The host was set a target of 279. It was achieved with consummate ease, with 4.1 overs and seven wickets to spare.

Teaser

Before the Shreyas-Kishan show began, there was a teaser from opener Shubman Gill. He was looking in ominous touch when he fell to a superb, low return catch by Kagiso Rabada.

Shreyas and Kishan tore into a quality attack. Kishan, playing in front of his home crowd, went after the bowlers after getting his eye in. He was severe on the spinners and didn't spare the quicks either – not even the express pace of Anrich Nortje, whom he smashed for successive sixes on the leg-side.

He was unlucky to find the fielder near the deep mid-wicket boundary, though, when he was seven short of a hundred. Shreyas, however, went on to complete his second ODI hundred and take India home in the company of Sanju Samson.

The South African innings was built on an attractive 129-run partnership for the third wicket between Reeza Hendricks (74, 76b, 9x4, 1x6) and Aiden Markram (79, 89b, 7x4, 1x6). They came together at the fall of Janneman Malan, who was adjudged lbw to debutant Shahbaz Ahmed after the original decision was reviewed.

Shahbaz was one of the two changes India made from the team that played the first ODI at Lucknow, the other being Washington Sundar. The two replaced Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ravi Bishnoi. South Africa effected three changes as Hendricks, Anrich Nortje and Bjorn Fortuin came in for skipper Temba Bavuma, Tabraiz Shamsi and Lungi Ngidi. Bavuma and Shamsi were unwell, the stand-in captain Keshav Maharaj said.

Siraj was the pick of the Indian bowlers.

His final spell was exceptional and it was one of the reasons why the South Africans failed to accelerate towards the end despite being set up nicely by Hendricks and Markram. Both batters paced their innings well and played some delightful strokes.

India came up with a much-improved display in the field too. Captain Shikhar Dhawan shuffled his bowlers around rather well. The visitors still managed to post a challenging score, but once Kishan and Shreyas took charge, no total was safe.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA
Quinton de Kock b Siraj 5 *(8b, 1x4)*, Janneman Malan lbw b Shahbaz 25 *(31b, 4x4)*, Reeza Hendricks c Shahbaz b Siraj 74 *(76b, 9x4, 1x6)*, Aiden Markram c Dhawan b Washington 79 *(89b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Heinrich Klaasen c Siraj b Kuldeep 30 *(26b, 2x4, 2x6)*, David Miller (not out) 35 *(34b, 4x4)*, Wayne Parnell c Shreyas b Shardul 16 *(22b)*, Keshav Maharaj b Siraj 5 *(13b)*, Bjorn Fortuin (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-3): 9; Total (for seven wkts. in 50 overs): 278.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-7 (de Kock, 2.1 overs), 2-40 (Malan, 9.5), 3-169 (Hendricks, 31.2), 4-215 (Klaasen, 37.6), 5-215 (Markram, 38.2), 6-256 (Parnell, 46.2), 7-277 (Maharaj, 49.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Siraj 10-1-38-3, Washington 9-0-60-1, Shahbaz 10-0-54-1, Avesh 7-0-35-0, Kuldeep 9-0-49-1, Shardul 5-0-36-1.

INDIA
Shikhar Dhawan b Parnell 13 *(20b, 1x6)*, Shubman Gill c & b Rabada 28 *(26b, 5x4)*, Ishan Kishan c Hendricks b Fortuin 93 *(84b, 4x4, 7x6)*, Shreyas Iyer (not out) 113 (111b, 15x4), Sanju Samson (not out) 29 *(36b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3, nb-2): 6; Total (for three wkts. in 45.5 overs): 282.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-28 (Dhawan, 5.6), 2-48 (Gill, 8.5), 3-209 (Kishan, 34.3).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Fortuin 9-1-52-1, Parnell 8-0-43-1, Rabada 10-1-59-1, Nortje 8.5-0-60-0, Maharaj 7-0-45-0, Markram 3-0-22-0.

Toss: SA; **MoM:** Shreyas.
India won by seven wickets with 25 balls remaining to level the three-match series 1-1.
Third and final ODI: Oct. 11, Delhi, 1.30 p.m.

Packing a punch: The skilful Hussamuddinn of SSCB (Red) dominated his bout against Mor. V.V. KRISHNAN

Clinical Hussamuddin blanks Mor, books a spot in the semifinals

NG BOXING

Y. B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

Muhammad Hussamuddin gave a clinical performance to beat National champion Rohit Mor 5-0 and book a spot in the men's 57kg semifinals at the boxing arena of the National Games on Sunday.

In a fascinating quarterfinal contest, Hussamuddin displayed his excellent bout management skills to get past Mor and set up a semifinal clash with Lallawmawma. Sachin Siwach (Junior) saw off S. Sahil in an action-packed 57kg quarterfinal bout.

Important results (quarterfinals): **Men**: **51kg**: Ankit Sharma (Har) bt Ajay Pendor (Mah) 5-0, Sparsh Kumar (Pun) bt Mukesh Kumar (Del) 5-0, Avinash Chandel (HP) bt Ramakrishnan Bala (TN) 4-1; **57kg**: Lallawmawma (Miz) bt Ashish Kumar (HP) 3-2, Muhammad Hussamuddin (SSCB) bt Rohit Mor (Del) 5-0, Sachin Siwach Jr. (Har) bt S.Sahil (Cht) 5-0, Asif Ali (Guj) bt Jadov Deogam (Jha) 4-1; **60kg**: Muhammed Etash Khan (SSCB) bt Inderjit Singh (DDNH) 5-0; **67kg**: Shiva Thapa (Asm) bt Vikash (Pun) 5-0, Akash (SSCB) bt Aditya Pratap Yadav (UP) 4-1. **Women**: **52kg**: Rashi Sharma (UP) bt Nissy Thampy (Ker) 4-1, Minakshi (Har) bt Rebecca Lalinmawii (Miz) 5-0, Shobha Kohli (Utk) bt Manju Basumatary (Asm) 3-2, Anjali Sharma (MP) bt Ojibala Thounaojam (Man) 3-2; **60kg**: Jaismine Lamboria (Har) bt Lucky Rana (Utk) 5-0, Pravish Konthujam (Man) bt Poonam Kaithwas (Mah) 3-2, Simranjit Kaur (Pun) bt Kroshmangaihsangi (Miz) 5-0; **75kg**: Lovlina Borgohain (Asm) bt Indraja K.A. (Ker) 5-0, Saweety Boora (Har) bt Shalakha Singh (Del) 5-0.

Karandeep and Avani win golf titles

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Karandeep Kochhar (267) and Avani Prashanth (288) emerged the men and women's champions in the golf event of the National Games here on Sunday. The two also helped their respective States to claim the team championships.

The scores:
Men: 1. Karandeep Kochhar 267; 2. Abhinav Lohan 277; 3. Sunhit Bishnoi 281.
Women: 1. Avani Prashanth 288; 2. Amandeep Kaur 292; 3. Vani Kapoor and Gaurika Bishnoi 295.

Harshveer pips Panwar for 119kg road race gold

Sports Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Ludhiana lad Harshveer Singh Sekhon won the men's 119kg cycling road race in the National Games here on Sunday. Harshveer covered the distance in two hours, 56 minutes and 8.89s. Kavita Siyag of Rajasthan emerged as a 'surprise' winner in the women's 30km individual time trial event.

Five-star Rani sets up Haryana's title clash with Punjab

NG HOCKEY

M.R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

International Rani Rampal fired in five goals as Haryana overcame Jharkhand 5-2 to enter the final of women's hockey in the 36th National Games here on Sunday.

In the final, Haryana will meet Punjab, which needed a late goal from Lalremsiami (58th) to defeat Madhya Pradesh 2-1 in the other last-four contest.

Jharkhand came up with a brave effort against Haryana which had scored 48 goals in the tournament. Jharkhand started positively and enjoyed more possession, but Haryana soaked up the early pressure before beginning to dominate. Rani completed her hat-trick at the stroke of half-time as Haryana led 3-0.

Sangita Kumari pulled one back for Jharkhand by converting a penalty corner in the 45th minute.

Two minutes later, Salima Tete scored off a fine move to reduce the margin to 3-2. Rani slotted in her fourth goal off a penalty corner in the 49th minute and scored again from close in the 58th minute to complete a fine day.

The results (semifinals):
Haryana 5 (Rani Rampal 11, 16, 30, 49, 58) bt Jharkhand 2 (Sangita Kumari 45, Salima Tete 47); Punjab 2 (Gurjit Kaur 29, Lalremsiami 58) bt Madhya Pradesh 1 (Ishika Chaudhary 42).

On the prowl: Rani, centre, scored all five goals for Haryana. RITU RAJ KONWAR

HFC-MCFC share points in six-goal thriller

Sports Bureau
PUNE

Defending champion Hyderbad FC and Mumbai City FC took a point each with an enthralling 3-3 draw in their ISL-9 match on Sunday.

In the 23rd minute, MCFC drew first blood when Chinglensana scored an own goal. HFC pulled level in the last minute of first-half stoppage time after Lalengmawia Ralte brought Bartholomew Ogbeche down inside the box. Joao Victor converted the penalty.

Halicharan Narzary made it 2-1 for HFC in the 51st minute only to see Greg Stewart equalise 16 minutes later. However, Victor headed HFC ahead as he nodded home from close range in the 76th minute.

Noguera does it

A determined MCFC kept up the pressure and was rewarded when substitute Alberto Noguera side-footed the ball into the net in the 85th minute.

The teams went all out but failed to score again.

The result:
HFC 3 (Victor 45+4-pen & 76, Narzary 51) drew with MCFC 3 (Chinglensana 23-og, Stewart 67, Noguera 85).

Two-goal Saka takes Arsenal to the top

The clincher: Saka's penalty settled it in Arsenal's favour. REUTERS

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
LONDON

Winger Bukayo Saka scored twice, including a late penalty, as Arsenal defeated Liverpool 3-2 in a pulsating Premier League clash to reclaim the top spot on Sunday.

The Gunners opened the scoring after just 58 seconds when Gabriel Martinelli swept home a perfect pass from captain Martin Odegaard. However, the Reds grew into the game and Darwin Nunez levelled in the 34th minute.

Arsenal was back in front as Martinelli turned provider again, whipping the ball across the box for Saka to poke home in first-half stoppage time.

Diogo Jota found Firmino with a perfect through ball and the Brazilian made no mistake.

Mikel Arteta's men came storming back and a wild series of shots and blocks ended in a penalty. Liverpool's Thiago Alcantara was ruled to have fouled Gabriel Jesus and Saka scored from the spot to make it 3-2 in the 76th minute.

Arsenal held on and moved to 24 points from nine games, one ahead of Manchester City.

The results: Premier League: Crystal Palace 2 (Edouard 24, Eze 76) bt Leeds 1 (Struijk 10). Arsenal 3 (Martinelli 1, Saka 45+5, 76-pen) bt Liverpool 2 (Nunez 34, Firmino 53); West Ham 3 (Bowen 29-pen, Scamacca 62, Antonio 90+1) bt Fulham 1 (Pereira 5). **Serie A:** Cremonese 1 (Dessers 47) lost to Napoli 4 (Politano 26-pen, Simeone 76, Lozano 90+3, Olivera 90+5)

On Saturday: LaLiga: Getafe 0 lost to Real Madrid 1 (Militao 4).

Verstappen retains title after dramatic victory

Dutchman only third driver to win with four races to spare; second-place finisher Leclerc given five-second penalty, dropping him to third

JAPANESE GP

Agence France-Presse
SUZUKA

Max Verstappen was declared Formula One World champion on Sunday after winning a dramatic rain-shortened Japanese Grand Prix.

Red Bull's Verstappen crossed the line first and was awarded the title when second-place finisher Charles Leclerc was given a five-second penalty, dropping him to third.

Verstappen... champion again. AP

Unassailable lead

The result gave Verstappen an unassailable 113-point lead in the championship, making him only the third driver after Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel to clinch the title with four races to spare.

Ferrari's Leclerc finished the race second in front of Red Bull's Sergio Perez, but he was hit with a penalty after squeezing Perez wide and leaving the track in a late surge for the line.

Verstappen was informed he had retained his title midway through the post-race TV interview, and even the driver himself was not sure if he had sealed the deal.

"It's a crazy feeling of course as I didn't expect it when I crossed the line," said a shell-shocked Verstappen. "Was it going to be half points? I didn't know how many points I was going to get. I was happy with the race we had."

The race got off to a chaotic start in heavy rain, with Ferrari's Carlos Sainz and Williams' Alex Albon exiting on the first lap prompting a safety car. A red flag soon followed and forced the drivers to wait for more than an hour before the action restarted, again under a safety car.

Verstappen resumed with a lead over Leclerc and Perez, and extended it as conditions gradually improved.

Verstappen has won 12 of 18 races in 2022 and thanked his team for an "incredible" year.

"The first (championship) is a little more emotional, the second one is beautiful," he said.

Verstappen took the chequered flag but there was a furious battle for second behind him, with Leclerc cutting across a corner while jostling for position with Perez.

Leclerc beat Perez to the line but later conceded that his penalty was "the right thing to do". "I don't have much to say, I made a mistake and tried to minimise it," said Leclerc.

"Huge congratulations to Max and Red Bull. Max has been incredible and it's a title fully deserved," he added.

Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said Verstappen had "grown" as a driver. "Carrying that number one this year, he's done it with a lot of pride," he said.

French driver Pierre Gasly of Alpha Tauri reacted furiously after passing a tractor on the track early in the race.

Gasly said he could have been killed after encountering the vehicle, which was deployed to recover Sainz's car.

Max's milestones

A look at some of the landmarks Verstappen crossed en route his second successive drivers' crown:

6 With his 32nd career win, Verstappen moved to sixth and tied with Fernando Alonso in the all-time list. Only Ayrton Senna (41), Alain Prost (51), Sebastian Vettel (53), Michael Schumacher (91) and Lewis Hamilton (103) have more

11 The Dutchman is now the 11th driver in the history of the sport to win back-to-back titles

12 It was Verstappen's 12th win this year. He is one short of the record for most victories in a season held by Schumacher (2004) and Vettel (2013)

17 The 25-year-old is the 17th driver to clinch two or more titles

THE RESULTS

1. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) 3h:1m:44.004s; 2. Sergio Perez (Red Bull) at 27.066s; 3. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) 31.763; 4. Esteban Ocon (Alpine) 19.685; 5. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) 40.326; 6. Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin) 46.358; 7. Fernando Alonso (Alpine) 46.369; 8. George Russell (Mercedes) 47.661; 9. Nicholas Latifi (Williams) 70.143; 10. Lando Norris (McLaren) 70.782; 11. Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren) 72.877; 12. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) 73.904; 13. Yuki Tsunoda (Alpha Tauri) 75.559; 14. Kevin Magnussen (Haas) 86.016; 15. Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo) 86.496; 16. Zhou Guanyu (Alfa Romeo) 87.043; 17. Pierre Gasly (Alpha Tauri) 88.091; 18. Mick Schumacher (Haas) 92.523.
Not classified: Carlos Sainz (Ferrari), Alexander Albon (Williams).
Drivers' championship: 1. Verstappen (Ned) 366 pts (**World champion**), 2. Perez (Mex) 253, 3. Leclerc (Mon) 252, 4. Russell (GBR) 207, 5. Sainz Jr (Esp) 202, 6. Hamilton (GBR) 180, 7. Norris (GBR) 101, 8. Ocon (Fra) 78, 9. Alonso (Esp) 65, 10. Bottas (Fin) 46, 11. Vettel (Ger) 32, 12. Ricciardo (Aus) 29, 13. Gasly (Fra) 23, 14. Magnussen (Den) 22, 15. Stroll (Can) 13, 16. Schumacher (Ger) 12, 17. Tsunoda (Jpn) 11, 18. Zhou (Chn) 6, 19. Albon (Tha) 4, 20. Latifi (CAN) 2, 21. Nyck de Vries (Ned) 2.
Constructors championship: 1. Red Bull 619 pts, 2. Ferrari 454, 3. Mercedes 387, 4. Alpine 143, 5. McLaren 130, 6. Alfa Romeo 52, 7. Aston Martin 45, 8. Haas 34, 9. Alpha Tauri 34, 10. Williams 8.

First the suspense, then the coronation

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Max Verstappen's second successive title, just like his first last year, was shrouded in mystery as only 28 laps out of the scheduled 53 were run at the rain-hit Japanese Grand Prix.

In the final round of the 2021 season in Abu Dhabi, there was controversy over how race control interpreted the Safety Car regulations which helped Verstappen overtake Lewis Hamilton to win the race and clinch his maiden title.

On Sunday, in the 18th round of the 2022 season, there was suspense over the number of points the FIA would award to the winner since only less than 75% of the race had been completed.

The reigning champion needed to be 112 points ahead of his closest rival after Suzuka. Before the Japanese Grand Prix, Charles Leclerc was second, 104 points behind Verstappen, and Sergio Perez third, a further two points behind.

As just over 50% of the total distance was covered, it was widely anticipated that only 19 points would be given to the winner as per the new points system for truncated races (50-75% race distance). Had that been the case, Verstappen would have only been 111 points ahead of Leclerc, who would have got 12 for finishing third.

The FIA, however, stated that Article 6.5 of the Sporting Regulations which deals with staggered points applied only "if a race is suspended in accordance with Article 57, and cannot be resumed."

Since the race was resumed after the red flag and ran till the time limit, full points were awarded irrespective of the total race distance covered.

Verstappen thus took an unassailable 113-point lead over his nearest rival Perez and 114 over Leclerc, sealing the deal this year.

Buttler, Hales and Wood star in England's victory

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Reuters
PERTH

Openers Alex Hales and Jos Buttler blasted half-centuries to lead England to an eight-run win over Australia on Sunday in the first of three games before the T20 World Cup starts later this month.

England powered to 208 for six after losing the toss, a commanding total which proved too much for Australia despite a gallant 44-ball 73 from David Warner.

The world champion scored 200-9 in its 20 overs.

England welcomed Buttler (68 off 32 balls) and Ben Stokes back into the team.

The scores: England 208/6 in 20 overs (Alex Hales 84, Jos Buttler 68, Nathan Ellis 3/20) bt Australia 200/9 in 20 overs (David Warner 73, Mitchell Marsh 36, Marcus Stoinis 35, Mark Wood 3/34).

Arabian Queen fancied

HYDERABAD: The three-year-old filly Arabian Queen, who won well in her last start, may score an encore in the Mir Mushtaq Ali Khan Memorial Cup, the chief event of Monday's (Oct. 10) races.

1 **NIZAMABAD PLATE** (DIV. II) (1,200m), Maiden 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 – 1.50 p.m.: 1. Wind Sprite (9) R.S. Jodha 60, 2. Resurgence (2) Surya Prakash 58, 3. Acrobat (10) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56, 4. Master Touch (6) Kiran Naidu 56, 5. Desert Sultan (5) Akshay Kumar 55.5, 6. My Master (3) Gaurav Singh 55, 7. My Grandeur (4) B. Nikhil 54.5, 8. Take Me As I Am (1) Md. Ismail 54.5, 9. City Of Hustle (7) G. Naresh 54, 10. Good Day (11) Kuldeep Singh 54 and 11. Sweet Talk (8) Khurshad Alam 54.
1. WIND SPRITE, 2. DESERT SULTAN, 3. ACROBAT

2 **SIKANDER E AZAM PLATE** (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.25: 1. Romero (4) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Soorya Vahan (3) Md. Ismail 58, 3. Path Of Peace (5) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55.5, 4. Exclusive Spark (1) Mohit Singh 55, 5. Humanitarian (2) Suraj Narredu 53.5, 6. Life Is Good (8) Koushik 53.5, 7. Hugh Capet (9) D.S. Deora 53, 8. Voice Of A Dream (10) Gaurav Singh 53, 9. Challenger (7) R.S. Jodha 52.5, 10. Soorya Kiran (6) Abhay Singh 52 and 11. Role Model (11) Afroz Khan 51.5.
1. HUMANITARIAN, 2. ROMERO, 3. SOORYA VAHAN

3 **NIZAMABAD PLATE** (DIV. I) (1,200m) Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 – 3.00: 1. Ok Boss (5) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Ivanhoe (4) Surya Prakash 57, 3. Star Medal (6) Afroz Khan 55.5, 4. First Apostle (2) Abhay Singh 54, 5. Rx Hundred (7) Mohit Singh 54, 6. My Pleasure (3) R.S. Jodha 53.5, 7. Mountain Rose (10) B. Nikhil 52.5, 8. Picture Me (11) Uday Kiran 52.5, 9. Precious Gift (1) Santosh Raj 52.5, 10. Euphoria (8) D.S. Deora 52, 11. Hoping Cloud (12) Md. Ismail 52 and 12. Janasu (9) Khurshad Alam 52.
1. IVANHOE, 2. OK BOSS, 3. MY PLEASURE

4 **MANDATE PLATE** (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.35: 1. Kingston (6) R.S. Jodha 62.5, 2. DRD (10) P. Ajeeth Kumar 61, 3. City Of Bliss (11) Santosh Raj 60, 4. Beauty On Parade (1) Deepak Singh 58.5, 5. Indie (9) Abhay Singh 54, 6. Linewiler (8) Kiran Naidu 54, 7. Bangor On Dee (5) Afroz Khan 53, 8. Kancha (7) Akshay Kumar 53, 9. The Akhanda (2) Suraj Narredu 53, 10. Shazam (4) D.S. Deora 51.5 and 11. Silk (3) G. Naresh 50.
1. THE AKHANDA, 2. CITY OF BLISS, 3. KANCHA

5 **MIR MUSHTAQ ALI KHAN MEMORIAL CUP** (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.10: 1. City Of Blessing (9) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Mark My Day (4) Gaurav Singh 60, 3. Royal Grace (3) Afroz Khan 58, 4. Bugsy (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55.5, 5. Makhtoob (1) B. Nikhil 54.5, 6. N R I Sun (8) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 7. Sun Dancer (5) Kuldeep Singh 54, 8. Arabian Queen (10) Suraj Narredu 52.5, 9. Char Ek Char (6) Md. Ismail 51 and 10. Southern Act (7) Abhay Singh 51.
1. ARABIAN QUEEN, 2. MARK MY DAY, 3. N R I SUN

6 **SADDLE UP PLATE** (1,200m), rated up tp 25 – 4.45: 1. I Am Superman (10) D.S. Deora 60, 2. My Way Or Highway (8) Mohit Singh 60, 3. Sound Echo (11) Santosh Raj 60, 4. Ayur Tej (4) Afroz Khan 59.5, 5. Horse O' War (3) Akshay Kumar 59.5, 6. Hip Hop (6) Gaurav Singh 58.5, 7. Lifetime (9) Surya Prakash 58, 8. Reining Queen (2) Deepak Singh 57.5, 9. Space Time (5) Kuldeep Singh 57.5, 10. First In Line (1) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56.5, 11. N R I Ruby (12) B. Nikhil 56.5 and 12. Paree (7) Abhay Singh 53.5.
1. HORSE O' WAR, 2. LIFETIME, 3. REIGNING QUEEN
Day's Best: **ARABIAN QUEEN**
Jackpot: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
Mini Jackpot: 3, 4, 5 & 6.
Treble: (i) 1,2 &3. (ii) 4,5 & 6.
Tanala: All races.

KARNATAKA ROUND UP

Dazzling finish: Kickstart overcame Misaka United in an exciting final. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Yashovardhan, Dhruv fashion Karnataka's narrow win

Yashovardhan Parantap's all-round effort (4/35 & 51) and Dhruv Prabhakar's 67 were instrumental in Karnataka's narrow one-wicket win over Saurashtra in the BCCI Under-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy, being held in Kolkata.

The scores: On Saturday: Saurashtra 268/8 in 50 overs (Ansh Gosai 58, Raxit Mehta 51 (77 balls, 4 X 4, 1 X 6), Manav Chothani 63, Karnav Rathod 37, Yashovardhan Parantap 4/35) lost to Karnataka 270/9 in 49.5 overs (Rohan M. Yareshimi 31, Dhruv Prabhakar 67, Yashovardhan Parantap 51, Aashish Mahesh 30, Hiten Kanbi 3/46).
On Friday: Karnataka 223 in 49.2 overs (Rohan M. Yareshimi 43, Vishal Onat 39, Vijayaraj 27, Dhruv Prabhakar 29, Rajvir Wadhwa 27, T.A. Hemanth Kumar 4/46, S. Venkata Rahul 3/38) lost to Andhra CA 226/3 in 49.3 overs (K. Revanth Reddy 55, M.K. Datta 76, S. Venkata Rahul 35 n.o., G.S.P. Teja 33 n.o.).

Vandita sparkles as Karnataka has it easy

Vandita K. Rao's magical spell (5/2) carried Karnataka to a thumping ten-wicket win over Sikkim in the BCCI under-19 Women's T20 Trophy in Hyderabad. Following the result, Karnataka entered the knockouts, which will be held in Ahmedabad from Tuesday.

The scores: Sikkim CA 32 in 16.4 overs (Vandita K. Rao 5/2) lost to Karnataka 33 for no loss in 3.1 overs.

Varun excels with nine-wicket match haul

T.N. Varun Rao's match-haul of nine wickets (6/54 & 3/57) helped Bangalore City XI register a six-wicket win over Raichur in the KSCA

On top: PPC, winner of the boys' title at the State junior basketball championship. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

S.A. Srinivasan Memorial under-25 tournament.
The scores: Presidents XI 283 in 80.5 overs (Rohan Nayakar 20, Rishi Bhansali 61, B.A. Mohith 65, Tushar Singh 72, S. Nishanth 28, Abhishek Ahlawat 4/42, Adarsh Prakash 3/45) drew with Bangalore 380/6 in 83 overs (S. Nithin 38, Aman Khan 204 n.o., Tanay Valmik 54, S. Aadarsh Prajwal 50, S.M. Shamanth 3/99).
Raichur 176 in 45.3 overs (Prahlad 26, Niranjan 27, Madhav P. Bajaj 43, T.N. Varun Rao 6/54, B.M. Shreyas 4/49) & 202 in 50.1 overs (Niranjan 36, Bheem Rao 67, Shashikumar 48, T.N. Varun Rao 3/57, B. Vineeth 3/43) lost to Bangalore City XI 290 in 56.2 overs (Mohammed Aqib Jawad 32, Akshan Rao 51, T.N. Varun Rao 40, B. Vineeth 31, B.M. Shreyas 52, Owais Ahmed Khan 48 n.o., Sheetal Kumar 5/77) & 91/4 in 15.5 overs (Mohammed Aqib Jawad 55 n.o.).
Dharwad 485/6 in 90 overs (Pareexith Okkunda 215 n.o., Sudhanwa U. Kulkarni 40, Angadraj Sangam Hittalamani 31, Parth Patil 43, Akash G. Pattar 117 n.o.) drew with
Mangalore 340 in 89.5 overs (Harshith Poojary 166, Rane Karumbaiah 30, Karan Kumar 40, Nathan D'Mello 50, Mudassir Nazar 4/79, A.C. Rohith Kumar 3/44).
Tumkur 265 in 65.4 overs (S. Darshan 25, Nirmith Shashidhar 142, N. Sanjay Bharadwaj 34, Mithesh 5/57) & 218/6 in 46 overs (V.N. Sanjay 32, K.B. Shreyas 88) drew with
Shivamogga 195 in 65.3 overs (D.M. Shashank 46, Chandan S. Gujjar 3/39).
Secretary's XI 546/5 in 90 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 193, Lochan Appanna 93, Vinay N. Sagar 163 n.o., SSG Rohiet 61 n.o., L. Saishiv Narayan 3/97) & 94/3 in 14 overs (SSG Rohiet 53) drew with Mysore 257 in 60.4 overs (B. Dheemanth 53, Kruthik Krishna 56, L. Saishiv Narayan 26, Thushar Hari Krishna 34, S. Punith 4/50, Abul Hasan Khalid 3/63).
Combined City XI 314 in 68.4 overs (R. Smaran 147, Sujay Sateri 45, Pradyumna Srivatsa 46, Ignatius Sebastian 4/34) drew with Vice President's XI 348/7 in 90 overs (Aneeshwar Gautam 186, Faizan Khan 56, Smayan Srivastav 30, Likhit Bannur 4/88).

Raman's Sports FA pumps in 18 goals

Raman's Sports FA pumped in 18 goals without reply, past a hapless Blue Star FC in an under-18 match of the KSFA Youth Premier League here on Sunday.
Other results: U-18: Roots FC bt South Castle United 4-1; BYFL bt BSSS 11-0; Alchemy International bt Bangalore Champs 9-1; Stadium FC bt IFEP 2-0; Rebels FC drew with BBFS 1-1; The Sports School bt Kickstart 3-0; FCBU bt Shooterz FA 6-0; Belgaum Utd bt Vijayanagar FA 7-0; BIFA bt Snipers 6-0.
U-11: BBFS bt MVFA 3-0; BCFC bt BSSS 3-0; JSW BFC bt YBEFC 5-0; Play Smart FC bt Stadium FC 2-1; GRK FA bt FCBU 4-1; Sportshood bt Ronaldo FC 5-1; Conscient FB bt Vicky FA 3-2; Kickstart FC bt Black Panthers 4-0; Coolulu FC drew with Raman Sports Academy 1-1.
U-9: BSSS bt Black Panthers 1-0; Conscient FB bt Shooterz FA 4-3; Vicky FA 3 bt BCFC 2; YBEFC 5 bt Bengaluru Balaharkha FA 5-3; Sporthood FA bt Kickstart FC 2-0; BYFL drew with Raman SA 2-2.

Kaviya's late strike gives Kickstart the title

Kaviya Pakkirisamy scored an 88th minute winner to help Kickstart FC defeat Misaka United FC 3-2 in the final and clinch the Karnataka Women's League title here on Sunday.
The result (final): Kickstart FC 3 (Kaviya Pakkirisamy 33, 88, Sibani Sharma 61) bt Misaka United FC 2 (Mithila Ramani 13, Tanvie Hans 45+3).
Special awards: Best goalkeeper: Adrija Sarkhel (Miska United); **defender:** Tara Anand (Parikrma); **midfielder:** Lalnumsiami (KEMP); **striker:** Nisilia Majaw (Misaka); **Top scorer:** Kaviya (22 goals, Kickstart).

PPC, Mounts Club take the honours

PPC and Mounts Club lifted the boys' and girls' titles respectively at the State junior basketball championship here on Sunday.
The results:
Final round: Boys: PPC 81 (Hriday 32, Miland 21) bt Beagles 66 (Sachin 30, Kunal 10); VBC Mandya 73 (Amarthya 31, Shashank Raj 24) bt YMMA 59 (Priyanshu 24, Arjun 16).
Girls: Mounts 61 (Niharika Reddy 18, Nakshatra 12, Daisy Priyanka 10) bt BCBC 54 (Priyanka 17, Kushi 10); Southern Blues 61 (Nidhi 21, Sukhi 13) bt Beagles 59 (Mekhala Gowda 32, Moumita 12).

Atharva, Tanishka clinch titles

Atharva Nawarange and Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav emerged the under-13 boys' and girls' champions at the State-ranking table tennis tournament, being hosted by the Malleswaram Association.
The results: U-13: Boys: Atharva Nawarange bt Gaurav Gowda 11-7, 11-9, 11-3, 11-2; **Girls:** Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt Hiya Singh 9-11, 12-10, 11-6, 11-7, 9-11, 13-11.
Hopes: Boys: Abinav Prasanna bt Shriram Kiran 5-11, 11-5, 6-11, 11-5, 11-3; **Girls:** Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt Irene Anna Subhash 11-6, 11-6, 11-2.

LIVE TELECAST

National Games: DD Sports, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 a.m. onwards
Women's Asia Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Pro-Kabaddi: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 9 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.15 a.m. (Tuesday)

Rajiv, Senthil grab points in Race 2 of ARRC Round 4

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SEPANG

Honda Racing India team's rider duo Rajiv Sethu and Senthil Kumar finished at the 11th and 13th place respectively in the penultimate round of FIM Asia Road Racing Championship here on Sunday.

With a total of three points in Race 1 on Saturday and eight points in Race 2 on Sunday, the Honda Racing India team closed the Round 4 of the championship with a solid 11 points in their kitty.

Chirag and Arjun Balu sizzle; Zahan tops MRF Saloons class

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Teenager Chirag Ghorpade and veteran Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) put in near-flawless winning performances in their respective categories before heavy rains led to the abandonment of the first round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2022 here on Sunday.

The day's other winner was youngster Zahan Commissariat, who claimed the honours in the MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios) race, which was red-flagged after five laps due to heavy rains.

Ritesh Rai (Performance Racing) won in the Super Stock class.

Perfect outing: Ghorpade, winner of Race-2 in the MRF F2000 category. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Provisional results:
MRF F2000 (Race-2, 12 laps): 1. Chirag Ghorpade (21:09.735); 2. Rishon Rajeev (21:13.319); 3. Dillon Thomas Zachariah (21:15.235).
Indian Touring Cars (Race-1, 8 laps): 1. Arjun Balu (Race Concepts) (15:14.085); 2. Arjun Narendran (Arka Motorsports) (15:22.908); 3. Jeet Jhabakh (Rayo Racing) (15:39.557).
Indian Junior Touring Cars (Race-1, 8 laps): 1. Anand Prasad (Performance Racing) (16:05.841); 2. K. Srinivasa Teja (Performance Racing) (16:18.879); 3. Charen Chandran (Arka Motorsports) (16:30.685). **Super Stock (Race-1, 8 laps):** 1. Ritesh Rai (Performance Racing) (15:19.989); 2. Jason Deepak Saldanha (DB Motorsports) (15;22.778); 3. Jarshan Anand (DB Motorsports) (15:58.631).
MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios – Race 2, 5 laps): 1. Zahan Commissariat (Redline Racing) (10:44.711); 2. Angad Matharoo (Redline Racing) (10:46.640); 3. Jai Prashanth (Redline Racing) (10:50.412).
Special awards for lady drivers (all Redline Racing): Race-1: Diana Pundole & Tarushi Vikram. **Race-2:** Shravanthika Lakshmi and Tarushi.

Harshada bags bronze; Jhili finishes fourth

WEIGHTLIFTING

Sports Bureau

India's Harshada Garud bagged a bronze in the women's 45kg event of the Asian weightlifting championship at Manama on Saturday.

The 18-year-old reigning junior world champion had an aggregate of 152kg (68kg+84kg) in the non-Olympic category.

On Sunday, Jhili Dalabehera and Gyaneshwari Yadav finished fourth and fifth respectively in the women's 49kg competition. Both Jhilli and Gyaneshwari lifted the same total of 171kg.

Jaskiran Arora and Ritu Chhikara

FREEPIK

Going beyond the discipline

How can higher education institutes promote trans-disciplinary research in India?

Global challenges and problems, like climate change, do not respect disciplines or boundaries. They are universal problems that require a holistic approach involving the management and engineering disciplines, legal researchers, architects and designers.

In primary school, we are taught only Maths, English and Science. As we progress to middle school, Science is differentiated into Biology, Physics and Chemistry. As we go further up, Biology is further split into Zoology, Botany, and Medical Science; Chemistry is divided into Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, and Physical Chemistry. Physics branches into Mechanics, Optics, Thermodynamics, Electromagnetism, and more. However, as we get into higher education and more evolved research practices, these specialisations and boundaries tend to converge into human and social issues that impact life, lifestyle and living environments.

Real-life problems are agnostic of the discipline. Rather, they are transdisciplinary. Thus, the solutions, too, need to transcend disciplinary boundaries. The question now is what can institutions and universities do to promote such a research mindset?

Collaborative approach

Often, with institutions running only one programme, it becomes difficult to get the diversity required to conduct transdisciplinary research. This is why NEP 2020 emphasises building multidisciplinary research-based universities.

Single-discipline institutions should collaborate with like-minded organisations and contribute to the diverse perspectives that flow during collaborations. Holding joint conferences, symposia, and colloquia and nurturing and encouraging scholars around integrative research practices can help build such practices and align thinking and research-driven action.

For multidisciplinary universities, the first step would be to provide the physical space and infrastructure for people from different areas to mingle. The spaces should not be designed in such a way that faculty/researchers from different disciplines are on separate floors/buildings. Providing common collaborative spaces for them to link up not only promotes bonding but could also opportunities and a fertile ground for them to collaborate on varied projects. Not just physical spaces, but having professors teach concurrently in different schools can help them gain a transdisciplinary perspective and promote research questions amalgamating disciplines.

Centres of Excellence

Creating formal Centres of Excellence aligning with the institutions' vision defines the direction in which research efforts can be channelised. For example, setting up a Centre for Law, Regulation and Technology; Centre for Inclusive Innovation; Centre for Sustainability Research and Advocacy, and Center for Financial Markets, all of which integrate various domains and give researchers a systemic approach to work on.

Providing seed money/grants for transdisciplinary projects is another way to promote convergence in research endeavours. For example, people from diverse domains could work together on augmenting the income of the villages around their universities. Getting money and a mandate from the institutions' management encourages such initiatives. Special recognition for research papers co-authored and published by scholars from varied disciplines would also encourage transdisciplinary research. Ph.D and Master's programmes could be specially designed to be transdisciplinary.

Higher Education Institutes have a significant role to play in promoting transdisciplinary research. This may be done by, first, having a clear intention to do so. Second, by taking initiatives such as sponsoring integrated projects, creating centres of excellence that lay the foundation and generate opportunities to promote such research, and designing physical spaces that pose no impediments for possibilities of transdisciplinary research.

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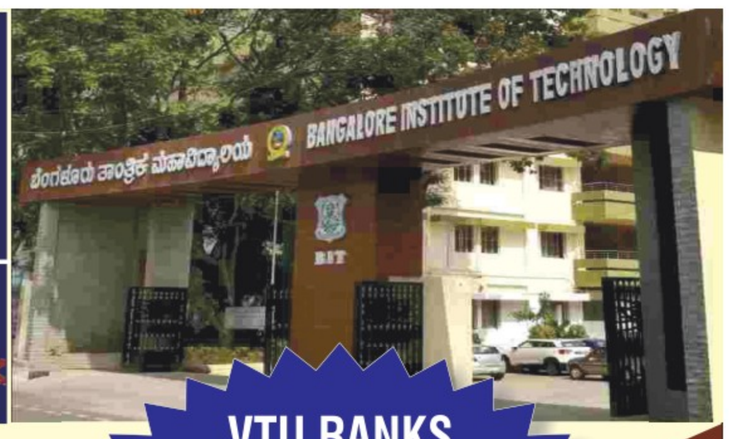

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